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Advocating safe food for all

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President's message

Dear Readers,

Hopefully you are safe and healthy, but I know many of you live in areas where there is famine, war, or both. The world is not getting better, reason to persist in our goal of advocating safe food for everybody in this world. You are encouraged to participate in the online UN event "Uniting Business Live", organised by United Nations Global Compact, see (item 5 on page 5), below. In three days many aspects of the "Sustainable Development Goals" will be discussed by real experts and you may be able to comment. Participation is free.

Many of our officers have been actively participation in various very relevant events, such as the National Whistleblower Day in the US (item 1 page 4) and the World Food Safety Day (item 11) and I know that there are many other activities. If you have been participating in such an event, please send a report to Ben Oloo, the Editor of the newsletter. This may inspire others!!

It will be sad if, worsened by the global crises, -more scientists from the very disadvantages areas in the world will not be able to participate in events in which GHI is involved. Apart from the various events this year, I hope that there will be possibilities for participation in the 2nd GHI Congress, which had been postponed twice for obvious reasons but is intended to take place in March 2024. More about this is the next issue of GHI Matters. Because of these events, I urge you to help if you can to promote the goal of GHI by making a donation, see (item 2 on page 5).

I hope to meet many of you live at the IUFoST 21st World Congress of Food Science & Technology in Singapore (item 2 page 3, below). This is one of the few chances to meet that we have since Covid and the war (in the Ukraine and elsewhere) crises.

Wishing you all health and happiness and strength in dealing with difficult circumstances!

Huub Lelieveld, 30th August, 2022

Editor's message

Dear Readers,

When we come together great things happens and the stories coming out of such togetherness can travel miles on end ahead of us and create ripples whose impact we may not have imagined. This issue of GHI Matters carries two such events whose resulting stories has created many ripples across the Globe. The first one is the Whistleblower Initiative, which has now gained significant visibility with USA being the first country to celebrate a National Whistleblower Day. The second event that continues to spread the vibes of a world with safe food is the World Food Safety Day. It was celebrated across the globe and members of GHI made significant contributions.

For more specific stories, please delve into this issue of GHI Matters and devour the content.

To give feedback or have your story in the next issue of GHI Matters, please write an email to GHI Matters Editor, Dr. Benard Oloo at: benard.ooloo@globalharmonization.net

Wishing you a great read and an action-packed last half of the year 2022.

Benard Oloo, Editor - GHI Matters, 30th August, 2022

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

GHI at the 34th EFFoST Conference in Dublin, 7-9 November 2022

Speakers and their topics in the GHI Session at the EFFoST Conference are:

- Introduction to the Global Harmonization Initiative and its contribution to the regulation of sustainable and healthy food systems (**Nicola Stanley, United Kingdom**)
 - Modern nutrition needs to be based on omix data and meet 3P Medicine expectations (**Nadiya Boyko, Ukraine**)
 - Aflatoxins in serum of rural household children consuming mouldy grains in Nigeria (**Eniola Oni, Nigeria**)
 - The complexity of regulations for human milk (**John Points, United Kingdom**)
 - Insects as a sustainable food (Diána Bánáti, Hungary)
 - Food waste recovery: Microwave assisted extraction (**Filiz Hazal, Turkey**)
 - Valorisation of food by-products (**Hilde Wijngaard, The Netherlands**)
- The conference programme will be available soon.

GHI at the IUFoST 21st World Congress of Food Science & Technology in Singapore

As mentioned in the June 2022 issue, the GHI session will take place on Thursday, 3 November, 2022, from 8.30 am – 10.00 am. Speakers in the GHI session have been announced in the June issue of GHI Matters.

The meeting of the GHI General Assembly will be on 2 November, 2022, starting at 2.00 PM.

Meanwhile the General Secretary has received four new nominations, for candidates from Africa, Australia, the UK and Ukraine. Nominations are still welcome, the deadline for submission is 10 October 2022.

National Whistleblower Day in the US



The United States is perhaps the first country in the world to enact a law for the protection of whistleblowers (for a review of the status of whistleblower legislation in the food sector please see more details [here](#).)

In addition, under certain conditions, the United States rewards whistleblowers and on July 31 celebrates whistleblowers in the form of National Whistleblower Day. The history of National Whistleblower Day in the United States is reported by Stephen M. Kohn in his 2015 speech. Very Interesting Please Click [here](#) for details:

This year, U.S. National Whistleblower Day was celebrated for 3 days (July 29 -31, 2022). We are pleased to inform you about the interventions of Dr. Yasmine Motarjemi, co-laureate of the GUE/NGL Award for Journalists, Whistleblowers and Right to Information Defenders in honor of Daphne Caruana Galizia is reported [here](#). **Food safety was also on the agenda.**

In this regard, you may be interested in the panel discussion that took place on the second day of the celebration with Ari Danikas and Johannes Stefansson. The session was entitled: "*International Whistleblowers*". [Here](#) is the direct link to the second day.

The session "*International Whistleblowers*" starts at 2 h 0.01 min of the recording. The impressive stories of Ari and Johannes show the importance of whistleblowing and the terrible fate of whistleblowers. The crucial role of the media is also discussed in this session.

You will also find a link to a series of interviews with Jane Turner from *Whistleblowing Network News*, in which whistleblowers give their recommendations (5 minutes). Please see *Whistleblowers Voices: Conversations with Whistleblowers* on National Whistleblower Day: Please find the full recordings [here](#). The recommendations of Yasmine Motarjemi, drawn from her experience in the food sector and in Switzerland, are featured in Episode 6.

8th International Dietary Fibre Conference



As announced in a bit more detail in the June issue, the [8th International Dietary Fibre Conference](#) in Leuven, Belgium, co-organised with the International Association for Cereal Science and Technology (ICC) will take place on 16 to 18 October, 2022, in Leuven, Belgium.

Financial support for participation in meetings that GHI encourages attending

This is another reminder that GHI is looking for financial support to enable members living in low to very low-income countries to participate in important events in which GHI participates. You may do so by using the GHI PayPal account, see <https://www.globalharmonization.net/about> or by transmitting your donation to the GHI Association's account at Easybank in Austria: IBAN AT111420020010837066 Account: 20020010837066. Bank ID: 14200; BIC: EASYATW1. Address: Easybank, Quellenstraße 51-55, 1100 Wien, Austria.

Please, if you can, make a donation to help GHI to remain really global, thus removing hurdles to participation for some eager participants who do not have the funds but who may become very important for achieving our goal.

GHI Webinars

GHI has been running a series of Webinars.

In the upcoming months GHI will have the following webinars:

- Food Microbiology in 26th of September 2022
- Reducing Post-Harvest Losses – 6th of October 2022
- Genetic Toxicology and Genomics – 27th of October 2022
- Consumer Perception in two parts in November 2022

For information about all webinars, please see [here](#).

GHI Ambassadors

GHI Ambassadors' numbers continue to grow. For detailed information about GHI ambassadors please visit the GHI Ambassadors webpage [here](#).

Uniting Business Live

At the start of the high-level opening week of the next UN General Assembly session, the United Nations Global Compact will hold a virtual event, from 19 - 21 September, 2022. During this event chief executives, heads of state and government, corporate sustainability experts and business leaders, plus heads of UN agencies and civil society organizations will come together to take stock of the state of the world, address gaps in progress, drive business ambition on the

Sustainable Development Goals and highlight cooperative and actionable solutions that are ready today. More information can be found [here](#).

The event may be attended by anyone interested and there is no participation fee. To register go [here](#). This is an important event, and you are encouraged to participate. As you will see on the website, there will be possibilities to influence: Registration includes access to the three days of forums including the Private Sector Forum, the Global Impact Forum and the SDG Business Forum along with virtual networking and private messaging among attendees.

Publications by members of GHI

Many GHI members contributed to the book "Short stories on food safety", which was to be published by Elsevier in the course of this year. Unfortunately, Elsevier wanted to edit the content, which is highly unusual and against the wishes of the editors (Peter Overbosch, Yasmine Motarjemi and Huub Lelieveld). Therefore, publication is now being discussed with another publisher. More in the next issue.

World Food Safety Day

On and around the 2022 World Food Safety Day, many GHI officers have contributed with presentations about food safety and security.

From Macedonia

[NUTRICON](#) is an annual multidisciplinary Congress which is dedicated to: Food Quality and Safety, Health and Nutrition. It takes place in Ohrid, Macedonia. The Congress is gathering scientists, professionals, companies, governmental officials, and professional associations working in the fields of food production, food processing, food quality and safety, health, nutrition, innovative technologies, etc., from Europe and all around the world.



GHI President, Huub Lelieveld presented GHI goals, and activities. He raised huge interest among all participants presenting GHI Whistleblower Food Safety Incident Report Site. This GHI activity showed to the Congress participants that there is an organization that is protecting food safety incidents whistleblowers worldwide and making real contribution in detecting and managing foodborne risks as well as improving human health - which is World Food Safety day's goal.

From México

On 14 June in México City GHI President Huub Lelieveld addressed the 'National Agrifood Council, Consejo Nacional Agropecuario, CNA, one of the most important industrial councils in México. Eighty percent of the food produced in México is processed and packed by company members of the CNA. Focus was on whistleblowing and the importance of advocating this in

enterprises. On 15 June at the Nuevo León Autonomous University, UANL, the 3rd Public University in importance in México. He explained to the students and academia the importance of global regulations and the whistleblowing initiative. On 16th June he explained the role of the food industry in the global harmonization of food laws and the importance of communication with the personnel working for the industry to the Jalisco's Chamber of the Food Industry, CIAJ, in Guadalajara, Jalisco, the only chamber in México fully dedicated to the food industry.

From Ethiopia

The GHI Ambassador in Ethiopia, Dr. Tadesse Teferra, wrote this message on [his LinkedIn page](#): Today is the Global Food Safety Day; which is a focus of the Global Harmonization Initiative, where I am serving as an Ambassador for Ethiopia. Safe Food for Better Health. He also included the Global Food Safety Day in the [bimonthly e-newsletter](#) of the university.

From Nigeria

Prof. Folake O. Henshaw, GHI Ambassador in Nigeria, was the event speaker at the 8th Regional Food Science and Technology Summit of the Nigerian Institute of Food Science and Technology, held at the University of Ibadan. Folake is coordinator of the Food Safety Ambassadors' Network (FOSAN). The audience consisted of stakeholders in the food and agricultural industry, food scientists, food manufacturers and other stakeholders in the food chain. For more details, see [here](#).



From Tanzania

On 30th June, 2022 Dr. Jamal Kussaga, GHI Ambassador in Tanzania, had an opportunity to give a presentation at the national food safety day event, organised by the Tanzania Bureau of Standard and the Tanzania office of FAO, in the Stella Maris Hotel in Bagamoyo, Tanzania. The title of the presentation was 'Food safety challenges and roles of Codex and national standards in mitigating the challenges'.

[GHI](#) is an initiative of the European Federation of Food Science and Technology ([EFFoST](#)), which is the European part of the International Union of Food Science and Technology ([IUFoST](#)) and the International Division of the Institute of Food Technologists ([IFT](#)). GHI is supported by the European Engineering and Design Group ([EHEDG](#)). The goal of GHI is "Achieving consensus on the science of food regulations and legislations to ensure the global availability of safe and wholesome food products for all consumers".

GHI has legal non-profit entity status, registered in Austria as "GHI-Association - Globale Harmonisierungs Initiative für Gesetze und Verordnungen im Bereich Lebensmittel", ZVR number 453446383.