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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Readers,

The year is almost over and there was no lack of excitement, with a totally unexpected war at a time that conflicts should be resolved by talking, not fighting. Let us hope that it will end soon and let us focus on matters that we can influence. It is a real pleasure for me that following the successful GHI session in conjunction with IUFOST 2022 in Singapore, we have a new GHI board. I cordially welcome in particular the new board members and I am also happy that we retained many of the experience ones. Details below.

Gradually this year, after the Covid pandemic became less threatening, more live meetings took place and it has been my pleasure to attend several of these and physically meet colleagues again. I hope that many of you had the same experience and that you will be able to attend more meetings, of which several are announced below.

You are encouraged to take an active part in forthcoming events, announced in this issue. Also note that there are a number of opportunities to contribute to special issues of journals where members of GHI are (co-)editors. There are also new books that are GHI goals related that have recently been published or are being published soon. Remember, when you order books from Elsevier, the code GHI30 will give you a 30% discount.

With this last "President's Message" of 2022, I wish you all as happy a time as possible around the change of the year. In particular for those living in countries where there are wars, famines or both, I wish you strength and courage to move on and persist. Let us hope for a better and happier 2023!

Take care!

Kind regards,

*Huub Lelieveld, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.*

## **EDITOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear Readers,

This is our last issue of the year 2022. What a beautiful note to end the year with great reports from the many live events that were held this year due to the easing of travel restrictions following the reduced threats from the Covid-19 pandemic.

We have some fantastic news about the new leaders joining the GHI Board. I do wish the team all the best in their endeavors and I hope to count on all of us to provide them with whatever support they need to steer GHI to greater achievements in the coming years.

As usual there are plenty of up-coming scientific conferences and events that will be worth your consideration and participation.

I do want to take this opportunity to send you and your loved ones warm wishes for the festive season and a happy new year 2023. For those going through challenges including the threat of war or catastrophes, we do have you in our prayers and trust that you will come through soon and in good shape. God bless you all.

With warm regards,

*Benard Oloo, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2022*

## **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

### **NEW GHI BOARD**

As announced in the previous issues of GHI Matters, during the IUFOST Congress in Singapore, the GHI General Assembly meeting took place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 2022. The main purpose of the meeting was the election of the new board. Most of the current board members were candidates for the new board, although two board members preferred to resign. These were Bernd van der Meulen and Larry Keener. Bernd was involved in legal issues in relation to food, but over the past two years had been working on improvements to the constitution of GHI, to make it easier to understand and to consider the experiences in governing the organisation since its inception in 2004 and its registration in 2007. Larry is one of the six founding members of GHI and has been GHI's vice-president since then. Both contributed several chapters to the GHI books, "Regulating Safety of Traditional and Ethnic Foods" and "Ensuring Global Food Safety - Exploring Global Harmonization" (1st and 2nd editions). The new board thanks Larry Keener and Bernd van der Meulen for their contribution to the development of GHI.

The new board members are:

Adriana Sterian (Netherlands)  
Charles Aworh (Nigeria)  
Diana Bogueva (Australia)  
Gerhard Schleining (Austria)  
Huub Lelieveld (Netherlands)  
Joe Regenstein (US)  
Marisol Tapia (Venezuela)  
Nadiya Boyko (Ukraine)  
Nathalie Persson-Adrianasitera (Sweden)  
Nicola Stanley (UK)  
Sangsuk Oh (Korea)  
Vishweshwaraiah Prakash (India)

I am very pleased with the new board for several reasons: 1) All continents are now represented on the board. 2) There is an equal gender balance. 3) The board on average is significantly younger than the previous board. And 4) we still have members with long-term GHI experience. In future editions of GHI Matters, we hope to introduce each of the Board members to the membership.

On 30 November, the board had its first meeting. Although members of the board need some time to consider and agree to a distribution of the responsibilities of the individual board members, to comply with the Austrian law (GHI is registered in Austria), it was expedient during the meeting that a few functions be decided and positions filled even if temporarily. These are:

President: Huub Lelieveld  
Vice-president: Joe Regenstein  
Secretary General: Adriana Sterian  
Deputy General Secretary: Maria Tapia  
Treasurer: Gerhard Schleining  
Deputy Treasurer: Sangsuk Oh

Some functions and assignments may change in the future, watch GHI Matters!

## **NEW CONSTITUTION**

The revision of the Constitution of GHI had been largely prepared by Bernd van der Meulen. It was finished on time for submission to the General Assembly by Adina Baicu, successor of Bernd as the Legal Advisor for Food. The revised version was approved by the board. The Constitution can be downloaded [here](#).

## **IUFOST 2022 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**



From left to right: Vishweshwaraiah Prakash, Ruth Oniang'o and Aman Wirakartakusumah

During the IUFOST Congress Dr. Ruth Oniang'o was awarded the IUFOST 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award. Ruth has dedicated her whole life and contributed to the improvement of the wellbeing of people in Kenya, in Africa and in the world. She founded the African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND) and is an Ambassador of GHI in Kenya - apart from much, much more.

More information can be found on <https://iufost.org/news/lifetime-achievement-award-announced>

## GHI SPECIAL SESSION AT 21<sup>ST</sup> IUFOST WORLD CONGRESS

On 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022 GHI had a special session at the 21st IUFOST World Congress of Food Science and Technology in Sands Bay Marina, Singapore. Our special session “Global Food Safety and Security” featured a gamut of talks on “Chemical food safety in an increasingly complex world” presented by Michael Murkovic, “Anonymous whistleblowing in the food chain”, presented by Marco Dalla Rosa, “The status of whistleblowing legislation in the food sector” presented by Rui Costa, “Food and sustainability transition” presented by Dora Marinova. “Nutrition and precision health” presented by Chi-Kun Wang and “Consumer perceptions of alternative proteins” presented by Diana Bogueva. Huub Lelieveld, GHI President chaired the session. The session was well attended and received, and some invitation for collaborative work are in progress.

Unfortunately, we all missed Hamid Ezzatpanah, who was planning to talk about “The importance of harmonization of law and regulations: Viral decontamination of food, food contact surfaces, and water” who could not present due to the situation in Iran.



## MEMBERSHIP IN THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

Nicola Stanley, one of our new board members, has been elected a member of the UK Royal Society for Public Health and is therefore entitled to use the designation MRSPH.

## EVENTS NOTIFICATION

### 14th International Congress on Engineering and Food (ICEF14)

This event will take place in Nantes, France from 20-23 June 2023. The theme of the congress is “Sustainable Food Manufacturing for a Resilient Food Chain”. Several distinguished international speakers, both from academia and industry have been invited to debate the

critical role of engineers in securing human nutrition and health, and supporting environmental sustainability. Details can be found [here](#).

## GHI RELATED EVENTS

### Agriculture for Life, Life for Agriculture Conference, Bucharest, Romania



The International Conference of the University of Agronomic  
Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest  
AGRICULTURE FOR LIFE, LIFE FOR AGRICULTURE  
June 8 – 10, 2023, Bucharest, Romania



This annual conference will take place from 8-10 June 2023. [Mona Popa](#) and [Mihaela Geicu](#) (GHI Ambassadors in Romania) will organise a GHI session during the conference. Let Mona and Michaela know if you want to contribute to the session. More information about the conference [here](#).



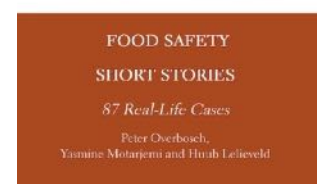
### Food Safety Summit 2023 in Johannesburg, South Africa

This summit will take place 30 and 31 May 2023 and is organised by Lucia Anelich, GHI Ambassador in South Africa. Details can be seen [here](#).

## PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS OF GHI

### Food Safety Short Stories

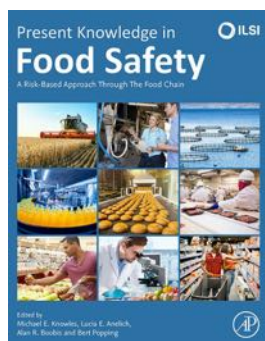
The book "Food Safety Short Stories", by Peter Overbosch, Yasmine Motarjemi and Huub Lelieveld that initially was intended to be published by Elsevier, will instead be published by Ethics International Press Ltd., UK in January 2023. It has as its subtitle "87 Real-Life Cases". The book is a collection of unusual events or real-life situations experienced or witnessed by professionals in the food sector, with a focus on food safety, as well as related areas such as quality and legal/regulatory compliance. Many GHI members contributed information that will be very useful for (or to be) food safety professionals in industry or food safety agencies. The book can be seen as being complementary to the book "Food Safety Management - A Practical Guide for the Food Industry", [2nd edition 2022](#) and the "Handbook



of Hygiene Control in the Food Industry, [2nd edition 2016](#). ISBN: 978-1-80441-097-4; ebook ISBN: 978-1-80441-098-1.

Further details [here](#).

### **Present Knowledge in Food Safety**



The book is co-edited by Lucia Anelich, GHI Ambassador in South Africa. The other editors are Michael Knowles, Alan Boobis and Bert Popping. ISBN: 9780128194706; eBook ISBN: 9780128231548. Details can be found [here](#).

### **Applied Sciences special issue "Recent Advances in Dietary Supplements"**

This issue is edited by Diána Bánáti, a long-term active member of GHI. The intention is to focus on exploring cutting-edge research on vitamins and minerals, and recent advances in the fields of dietary supplements. Also, overviews on trends in vitamin research are invited, as well as papers describing the legal, marketing, educational, and consumer aspects. If you want to submit an article for this special issue, please do so before the deadline of 31 March 2023. Details can be found on the [website](#).

### **Applied Sciences special issue "Functional Food Development"**

This special issue is edited by Katarzyna Świąder, Hanny Wijaya and Chin-Kun Wang (GHI Ambassador in Taiwan) and will cover:

- Development and legal status of functional food;
- Properties of nutraceuticals and their application potential;
- Nutritional and bioactive properties of natural ingredients;
- The role of food in maintaining well-being and health;
- The role of sensory evaluation in functional food design;
- Food analytical techniques used in the assessment of bioactive ingredients;
- Consumer expectations of functional foods;
- Innovations in functional food research; and
- Trends in the functional food market.

Submissions can be made until 20 June 2023, for details, see [here](#).

### **Ultrasonics Sonochemistry special issue "Sustainable Ultrasound Technology"**

Another special issue, edited by Jiahui Chen, Adriano Gomes Da Cruz and Anet Režek Jambrak (Chair: WG on Food Preservation Technologies).

For this special issue, papers are invited, that are focussed on the application, innovation, and case studies of ultrasound in food science and industry, aimed at reaching the UN's Sustainable Development Goals:

1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere;
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture;
3. Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages;
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all;
6. Clean water and sanitation;
7. Affordable and clean energy;
9. Industry, innovation, and infrastructure;
12. Responsible consumption and production; and
17. Partnerships for the goals.

The submission deadline is 1 April 2023, see the [website](#).

[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.