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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Readers, both members and non-members,

It is a pleasure to see the work to develop the 2nd GHI Congress about which you will read much in this issue. The preparation of the congress demands much effort from many of our leadership as do the work of the many working group activities and the editing of GHI books. For this reason, I want to attract your attention to the "*GHI Position Vacancies*" at the end of this issue. You will also find details about the 10th World Sustainability Forum, which is very relevant GHI's activities.

Next time you will read about the progress made by several of the working groups, such as about saving peoples' lives by teaching them about correct preparation of cassava, the staple food of a billion people; the potential of bacteriophages in food safety; the Manual on Food Safety in Disaster Areas, and more.

Hoping for an end to the wars in the world, I wish you all success in your endeavours.

Huub Lelieveld, 30th April, 2023

THE EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Dear readers,

This edition of the GHI Matters draws the reader's attention to the great opportunities for shared success and continued interactions through different events that have been lined up across the food science landscape. We prominently carry the preparations that are in top gear towards hosting a successful 2nd GHI World Congress on food safety and security in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. I do hope that you will find ideas and courses of interests to join for continued professional success.

I do sincerely hope you enjoy reading this issue.

Benard Oloo, 30th April, 2023

EVENTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

IUFoST Newsletter

The newsletter of the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST) always has interesting information and therefore, you are encouraged to look at it. The February 2023 issue is available [here](#), and the March issue [here](#).



We would like to announce the upcoming 2nd Global Harmonization Initiative (GHI) World Congress on Global Food Safety and Security: [GHI World Congress on Food Safety and Security](https://ghiworldcongress.org) (<https://ghiworldcongress.org>), which is going to be held from 18 – 20 March 2024, in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. This international congress will explore the theme: Stepping up the Transition of the Global Food System to a Sustainable Future. Some of the world-renowned keynote speakers include:



Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o , PhD

Topic: ***The fight for a healthy planet starts right beneath your feet – The role of women in food security in Africa***

Founder of the Rural Outreach Program (ROP) Africa; Editor-in-Chief of the African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND); 2018 “HONORIS CAUSA” University of Aberdeen, Scotland; 2017 Africa Food Prize Laureate; Board Chair of Sasakawa Africa Association (SAA).



Prof. Mark Post, MD, PhD

Topic: ***The regulatory and consumer acceptance challenges of cultivated meat***

Professor of Sustainable Industrial Tissue Engineering, Maastricht University, The Netherlands; CSO Mosa Meat.



Emeritus Prof. Arnold van Huis

Topic: ***Edible insects to assure food security***

Professor of Tropical Entomology at Wageningen University, The Netherlands; Chief Editor of the Journal of Insects as Food and Feed, The Netherlands.



**Prof. Adewale
Olusegun OBADINA**

Topic: **Safe cassava
project**

WHO Guideline Development Group (GDG) on Traditional Food Markets, Professor of Food Safety and Biotechnology, Department of Food Science and Technology, Federal University of Agriculture, Nigeria



Prof. Stanley Brul

Topic: **Open questions
for the gut microbiome
and its role in health
and disease**

Professor of Molecular Biology and Microbial Food Safety; Chair in Molecular Biology and Microbial Food Safety (UvA) and Director of the College of Life Sciences, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The abstract portal is now open and we are seeking your submissions at **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION – 2nd GHI Congress** <https://ghiworlworldcongress.org/abstract-submission/>

10th World Sustainability Forum



GHI is delighted to announce that it is a partnering society for [the 10th World Sustainability Forum](#) (WSF2023). WSF2023 is dedicated to sharing cutting-edge mono- and interdisciplinary research on sustainability. It will be a 24-hour hybrid event designed to allow scientists across the globe to participate. It is part of a global sustainability forum series that is organized by [MDPI](#).

The forum will have four main subjects which will be highlighted in three locations: kicking off in Singapore, the focus will be on sustainability for social community impact. It will then move on to Basel, Switzerland, where the focus will be on sustainability at industrial, university and corporate settings. Finally, in Toronto, Canada, the focus will be on sustainability in the built environment.

As a hybrid event, it will provide scholars with the opportunity to attend the event in-person at one of the three conference sites or, most sustainably, online.

More information, such as the deadline for the Early Bird Registration or discounts (for example, if you are from a low-income or lower-middle-income country) and the call for abstracts can be found here: <https://wsf-10.sciforum.net/#registration>.

Abstract submission is now open. Both oral and electronic poster contributions are welcome. Please note, however, that in-person attendance is mandatory for the oral presentations. Information on how to submit can be found [here](#). The abstract submission deadline is 14 May 2023. Do not miss your chance to take part in this unique global event, submit your abstract now!

GHI Members will receive a 20% discount on all registration fees. When you register, please make sure to add the code **WSF2023-GHI20** in the comments box.

GHI Position Vacancies

GHI started about 18 years ago with just 6 scientists, who felt that it was time to do something about food safety and security in an age where a billion people on earth starve, and at the same time differences in food safety regulations between countries hampered the distribution of the available food supply to where it was needed. Since then, GHI has been growing, initially slowly but in particular in the past few years increasingly faster. Currently, GHI has about 1400 member scientists. Because of GHI's wish to be and remain impartial, GHI does not accept funding from industries and governments, and because GHI does not want there to be a financial hurdle to joining, there is no membership fee. Consequently, GHI has little income: some small donations and some royalties from GHI books. GHI is run by many volunteers who want to contribute to GHI's goal, "Achieving consensus on the science of food regulations and legislations to ensure the global availability of safe and wholesome food products for all consumers", as can be seen on the [leadership page](#) of the GHI website.

While initially the workload was low and increased slowly, the pace has now picked up with a rapidly growing membership and the growth in the number of working groups and ambassadors. This is wonderful news and, therefore GHI is looking for members who would like to join the expanding leadership team. Some of the opportunities for personal growth and service to GHI include:

- Webmaster and Data Protection Officer
- Communications Director

GHI would very much appreciate if you would volunteer for these tasks. If you are interested, please request a task description explaining what you may be asked to do in these positions. If you would like to be involved in GHI leadership, but not sure where you might be best able to serve or if you know of a position where you would like to serve, please write a short note indicating an interest in being matched with one or more positions.

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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.