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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The world is not getting any better these days: With three severe earthquakes in Turkey and Syria with disastrous consequences, while the war in Ukraine seems likely to continue for some time. Apart from wishing those suffering strength and material support, there is very little that most of us can do about all of this, regrettably. GHI should continue with its task, promoting sufficient availability of safe food everywhere including areas of war and devastation.

The preparation for the 2nd GHI World Congress on Food Safety and Security is now in full swing. In this and the following issues of GHI Matters you will be continually updated.

Hoping that there will be improvements in the state of the world during the rest of the year, I wish everybody strength and happiness, and a will to help others as much as possible.

Huub Lelieveld, 25th February 2023.

THE EDITOR'S MESSAGE

This according to our records is the 50th issue of GHI Matters. It is a testament to the consistency and dedication of the GHI team and its commitment to inform and educate to achieve the overall motto of 'Advocating for Safe Food for All'.

In this issue we include a special appeal requesting donations for funds to help our colleagues and friends affected by the earthquake from Syria and Turkey. Details about how you may donate are included in the section under 'Earthquakes'.

The Presidents message, as you can see, relates to the realities of our time and for me presents reasons why we should strive to undertake acts of human kindness in the small spaces in which we each operate.

The planning for the GHI Congress 2024 is in full gear and the event will be held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. Since I missed the last Congress, I am convinced that the best time to start planning for this event is right now.

In this issue, GHI also appreciates the stellar efforts of Dr. Alina Gostin, who has been the Director of the Ambassadors Programme for almost 10 years, who has transferred her responsibility to her successor. As she continues to serve as the Deputy Director, her contribution toward increasing the large number of GHI ambassadors has not gone unnoticed. Let me leave you dear readers with this quote: "There is no darkness so dense, so menacing, or so difficult that it cannot be overcome by light." – Vern P. Stanfill

Benard Oloo, 25th February, 2023

EVENTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

GHI Congress, 2024



As announced earlier, the 2nd GHI Congress on Global Food Safety and Security will take place in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 18 – 20 March 2024.

The Chair of the Organising Committee is Dr. Gerhard Schleining and the Chair of the Scientific Committee is Dr. Diana Bogueva, both members of the new GHI board.

The theme of the Congress is: Stepping up the Transition of the Global Food System to a Sustainable Future. Topics that the Congress will explore include:

- Innovations in food safety and security
- Innovations in food safety training and education
- Nutrition for sustainable and healthy diets
- Consumers and sensory science
- Sustainability of food systems
- Security of food
- Future foods
- Food regulation of future foods
- Transformation of future food systems and emerging food industries
- Trends in health and nutrition including gut health
- Personalised nutrition
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Food microbiology
- Functional foods
- Food nanotechnology

The Congress website will be accessible within a few weeks.

If you are interested in presenting at the congress, please contact Diana Bogueva, the Chair of the Scientific Committee (diana.bogueva@globalharmonization.net).

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](#).

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. The theme for this year's Summit is "People - They are Our Greatest Resource, and Our Strongest Food Safety Champions!" The conference aims to bring you global insights and zones in on some of the fundamentals that continue to provide challenges in our systems and facilities. Details can be seen [here](#)

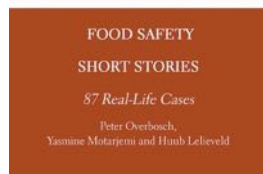
GHI WEBINAR SERIES 2023

The GHI webinar series continues with its first webinar of the year on the **24th March at 12pm Central European Time**. The webinar topic is 'GM-based plant food'. The aim is to explore the developments, challenges and opportunities for the widespread adoption of GM technology based on experiences from different parts of the world. Dr. Benard Oloo is a Lecturer of Food Science at Egerton University Kenya; while Professor Stefan Jansson, is at Umeå University, Sweden. He has been the president of the Scandinavian Plant Physiology Society (SPPS), one of the Global Plant Council member organizations. The session will be moderated by Dr. Diana Bogueva, Chair of the Consumer Perception Working Group and Host of the GHI Webinar Series. Please do watch out for the link that will be shared with everyone on time.

BOOKS BY MEMBERS OF GHI

Food Safety Short Stories

Peter Overbosch, chair of the WG on Ethics in Food Safety Practices; Yasmine Motarjemi, active member of the same WG and among others winner of the EU Parliament Award for Journalists, Whistleblowers and Defenders of the Right to Information; and Huub Lelieveld, President of GHI have written a book that is a collection of unusual events or real-life situations experienced or witnessed by professionals in the food sector. The focus is on food safety, as well as related areas such as quality and legal/regulatory compliance.



The stories convey lessons that illustrate good or bad practices in a scientific, technical, operational or management setting and also provide a lesson in ethics. The stories illustrate the kinds of mishaps that can happen in real life. The hope is that the stories may help lecturers/trainers in their teaching.

The book complements other books like "Food Safety Management - A Practical Guide to the Food Industry", of which the [3rd edition](#) should be available about now and the "Handbook of Hygiene Control in the Food Industry ([2016](#))".

REQUEST FOR ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

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](#)

Earthquakes

You all know about the disastrous earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Our Membership Director lives in the area but is safe and helping others. Knowing the severity of the situation prompted me to invite GHI members to make donations. If you wish to donate but could not open the attachment to the email that I sent, I have just typed the text of the attachment:

Dear friends,

It is a catastrophe that we are going through in Turkey. The biggest earthquakes in last 100 years hit 10 cities in Turkey. Two cities have been almost demolished. We need help from everyone. I kindly ask you to donate to AHBAP which is the most reliable NGO in Turkey. I share their accounts in the post below. Thank you for your support in advance. Please spread the post.

To use bank transfers, here are the bank details of @ahbap:

For US Dollar donations:

Account Holder: AHBAP DERNEGi

Swift Code: ISBKTRIS

IBAN: TR320006400000210212150262

For EU Euro donations:

Account Holder: AHBAP DERNEGi

Swift Code: ISBKTRIS

IBAN: TR150006400000210212150277

For GB Pound donations:

Account Holder: AHBAP DERNEGi

Swift Code: ISBKTRIS

IBAN: TR370006400000210212260849

We wish everybody in Turkey and Syria much strength in coping with the terrible situation. If you can, please continue to provide support.

New Director of the Ambassadors Programme

Dr. Alina Gostin, who has been the Director of the Ambassadors Programme for almost 10 years, has transferred her responsibility to her successor, Dr. Matilda Freund, who has been a strategic leader and has built a global food safety organization within a large multi-national company, from which she recently retired. No doubt GHI shall benefit from her experience. Alina will remain as Deputy Director.

[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.