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President's message

Dear Reader,

It is a great pleasure to be able to address you for the first time from our "home" journal. You may notice that we have revamped the layout, mostly by removing superfluous information that you can easily find on the GHI website. It is a fresh start, and it is also a pleasure to acknowledge that the new Newsletter Editor has done a great job. It may also be good to know that GHI and AJFAND have worked together to ensure that we remain compliant with

the privacy requirements of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), as shown on the relevant [webpage](#).

We hope that much of the information in this issue will be of interest to you, such as the downloadable presentation on Covid-19 and food. It is available not only in English but also in several other languages and more shall be forth-coming. It is also my pleasure to congratulate many GHI members for receiving prestigious awards, Ruth Oniang'o, the Editor-in-Chief of AJFAND, Vishweshwaraiah Prakash, Joe Regenstein, Aurora Saulo and Bala Balasubramaniam. Details are below.

I would like to point to the Food Safety Profession proposal, prepared by the Working Group for Ethics in Food Safety Practices. I feel that this is an essential issue to ensure food safety for everyone around the world.

The large number of events are listed that gives you a number of opportunities to participate. Many are hybrid while others are online. Those that are hybrid or online only offer participation to those who would not be able to attend the live events due to the considerable costs to attend. GHI members are also active in writing as you will see. We try to make it easy for readers to download these items. Many of them provide information that you may have missed but will be helpful to know.

There is much more in the newsletter and I hope you will take the time to read GHI Matters carefully so that you can keep informed about what GHI is about. In addition you may want to read articles in this peer-reviewed open access journal. They tend to be very interesting, which is another good reason for choosing AJFAND!

GHI is growing and has many active members. It implies that the workload of GHI officers is continually increasing. That is why you will also find a paragraph about a vacancy for the function of Honorary Communications Director. It is an important opportunity to contribute to a better world. It would be great if you are the one who can and wants to take the responsibility for this essential GHI task.

Huub Lelieveld, 29 April 2021.

Editor's Message

Dear Readers,

It gives me great pleasure to serve the GHI community and all our affiliate organizations in this exciting and challenging role as the GHI Matters' Editor. I am cognisant of the fact that GHI matters is a vital medium for quick, easy, and centralised communications. It is also crucial for dissemination and updating of the multifaceted programmes of GHI and affiliated institutions. It provides a well-organized way to keep up with what GHI working groups, project team leaders, and ambassadors are doing as it relates to GHI. This being my maiden editorial, may I pass along my sincere gratitude to those who have continued to spur on this newsletter over the years. In particular, I am grateful to the editorial team and the GHI Board headed by President Prof. Huub Lelieveld. At the same time, I extend an invitation to the GHI

community to continue to utilise this newsletter as an outlet for matters pertaining to global harmonization of standards at the forefront of the global discourse with GHI ambassadors, affiliated organizations and friends. I look forward to your cherished contributions and suggestions for improvement so that GHI Matters continues to serve your best interests. In this April issue we carry the exiting news of the GHI and AJFAND collaboration, an events section full of learning insights to look for in the coming months. We also congratulate GHI members who are recipient of IFT awards even as we welcome newly appointed GHI ambassadors. I hope you enjoy the newsletter. Feedback or requests for space in the June, 2021 issue of GHI matters can be directed to the Editor at: Benard.ooloo@globalharmonization.org.nl for all GHI Matters' related information or benard.ooloo@egerton.ac.ke for any other professional engagement.

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Affiliation of GHI with the African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND)

As many of the readers will remember, it has been the wish of many members as well as the Board to have a "home" journal for GHI related articles. The options have been investigated and a number of you have participated in this investigation by submitting articles for a trial "special" issue of the journal "Quality Assurance and Safety of Crops & Foods", published by Wageningen Academic Publishers. Although that special issue was successful and can be downloaded from that journal's website ([click here](#)), developments at the publisher made the journal inappropriate for GHI. After thorough investigation of a number of options, the Board reached the conclusion that the African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND) would best meet the needs of GHI and its members. Consultations between AJFAND and GHI resulted in an agreement to make AJFAND the GHI-affiliated journal. The agreement has been signed in March of this year and this issue is the first one that incorporates the GHI newsletter "GHI Matters" that you are reading now.

About AJFAND

The African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND) is a highly cited, prestigious and thoroughly peer reviewed journal with a global reputation, published in Kenya by the Africa Scholarly Science Communications Trust (ASSCAT). It is indexed in major scientific literature databases, including:

- Scopus <https://www.scopus.com/sources>
- Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) <https://doaj.org/>
- African Journals Online (AJOL) <https://www.ajol.info/index.php/ajfand/about>
- Google Scholar <https://scholar.google.com/>
- Food Science and Technology Abstracts <https://www.ifis.org/fsta>

AJFAND is an open access journal, meaning that everyone in the world can read the articles without any costs. It also means that a publication fee is needed, to be able to maintain a secretariat and the costs associated with production, in particular online hosting and communication. AJFAND, however, charges article processing fees only once an article has been accepted for publication having passed the review process. This is so that editorial decisions are not influenced by the ability (or inability) to pay. The fee is \$750 per article,

which is significantly less than most other journals. AJFAND extends rebates in circumstances of hardship. Researchers are encouraged to incorporate publication costs in their budgets.

Apart from publishing GHI Matters in AJFAND, GHI will also publish official GHI documents in the journal, such as the Global Scientific Consensus documents. The membership of GHI is encouraged to submit articles related to the goals of GHI, but also any other article that falls within the scope of AJFAND as a regular article. GHI working groups are encouraged to publish articles based on the activities of their groups in the journal.

A presentation about Covid-19 and food

Prof. Franco Pedreschi Placencia, Director del Departamento de Ingeniería Química y Bioprocesos of the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and a GHI Chilean Ambassador, in cooperation with the Chilean Food Safety Authority developed a video, "Agencia Chilena para la Inocuidad Alimentaria" (ACHIPIA), del Ministerio de Agricultura de Chile, a video about food safety in relation to SARS-CoV-2. That presentation is in Spanish and focuses on Chile. However, it is a clear and well-done presentation on the topic that could help everyone in the world who has a role in the food chain.

Therefore, with permission of the producers of the original video, a team from the Food Microbiology Workgroup, consisting of Noor Zafira Noor Hasnan, Mohd Zuhair Mohd Nor, Nur Hamizah Abdul Ghani (all from Malaysia) and Rozita Vaskoska (from Australia), adapted the video so that it is applicable globally. And at their request one of our native English members, Debra Smith (from the UK), has reviewed the English text. The end-result is a video that is useful and which can also be translated into other languages without requiring any further permissions. The video can be downloaded from the GHI Library, under the submenu "GHI Member Presentations". Several ambassadors are making a translation of the presentation into their national language. When ready the translations will also be downloadable from the GHI website, Library section. The direct link for downloading the English version is [here](#). The Kazakh and Russian versions, produced by Dr. Abdymanap Ospanov, the GHI Ambassador in [Kazakhstan](#), can be downloaded already from the [presentations page](#) of the Library.

The Board of GHI is very grateful to everybody involved in this project for the effort they put into producing this highly recommendable video and also to the ambassadors taking the effort to make translations.

Awards

Karnataka Science and Technology Academy Fellowship decorated for Life Time Achievement Awardee **Dr. Vishweshwaraiah Prakash, Ph.D.**, from India. Prakash is a member of the GHI Board and also serves as a member of various working groups of GHI and of the Editorial teams of many GHI Books. On behalf of the GHI Board, our heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to Prof. Prakash.

Several members of GHI are recipients of the 2021 IFT Achievement Awards and we congratulate these members, who are active in IFT, the Institute of Food Technologists, and are also active in GHI in various positions:

Distinguished Career Award in honor of Carl R. Fellers: **Joe Regenstein, PhD**. Joe is also a member of the Board of GHI and involved in various GHI working groups.

An award in honor of George Washington Carver: **Ruth Oniang'o, PhD**. Ruth is also the GHI Ambassador in Kenya, along with being the Editor-in-Chief of AJFAND.

Outstanding Partnership Award in honor of Myron Solberg: **Aurora Saulo, PhD**. Rorie is the GHI Ambassador in Hawaii.

Research & Development Award: **V.M. Balasubramaniam, PhD**. Bala is a member of the Supervisory Board of GHI.

Many GHI Board members know these awardees personally and also for a long time, they all absolutely deserved these awards. On behalf of the GHI Board, our heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS. If your notice that we missed anyone please let us know!

Resistance levels in bacteria causing foodborne infections

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) published an overview of the situation of antimicrobial resistance in humans, animals and food across the EU. The overview is available in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish and can be downloaded from the EFSA website using this link [here](#).

Honorary Communications Director vacancy

Due to some changes in the organisation of GHI, which were needed to cope with an ever-increasing membership, we are looking for a new Honorary Communications Director. The Communications Director deals with everything that has to do with communication with the membership, the GHI officers, the chairs of the working groups, the GHI ambassadors and the external contacts, such as universities and organisations with similar goals as GHI. Like all GHI functions, it is voluntary, i.e. there will be no financial compensation. A detailed description of the function is available upon request. Anybody interested in this function is invited to write a letter (email) to the President of GHI, Dr. Huub Lelieveld (huub.lelieveld@globalharmonization.net).

Events

"ONE–Health, Environment, Society"



The ONE-Health, Environment, Society Conference 2022, will take place from 21-24 June 2022 online. The event will be shaped in partnership with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA), the European Environment Agency (EEA), the European Medicines Agency (EMA), and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre. Watch for the opening of the call for abstracts for oral and poster presentations which will be during the months of May-June 2021. Please click [here](#) for more information.



The Food Safety Summit 2021 will occur on the 8-9th of June 2021. The inaugural Food Safety Summit in 2020 focused on all the lessons learned during the global pandemic. This year's summit follows closely on the theme for last year and addresses even more relevant developments. The Summit will also focus on some of the food industry's important food safety issues. For more information click [here](#).



The 35th EFFoST Conference 2021 will be taking place in Lausanne, Switzerland on the 1-4th of November 2021 with the theme 'Healthy Individuals, Resilient Communities, and Global Food Security'. The 35th EFFoST Conference Committee is collaborating with the GHI Leadership on a proposed session on "Novel food technologies in relation to food security, safety, sustainability and consumer acceptance". Please plan for this. The abstract submission deadline has been extended to 28 May 2021. If you or your team would like to submit an abstract, please click [here](#) for further information. Abstracts or ideas for the GHI session may be sent to [Diana Bogueva](#).



Latitud is organizing Innova 2021, the 10th International Symposium of Food Innovation and Development. This will be the first time for a 100% virtual symposium. With the theme "Tailoring food for the future" this promises to be a week of conferences and scientific papers from all around the world. The call for abstracts remains open until the 2nd July 2021. This event is being organised by Rosa Marquez, GHI Ambassador in Uruguay. Please click [here](#) for more details.



The tenth anniversary edition of the "Agriculture for life, life for agriculture" conference will take place between 3-5th June 2021 in Bucharest, Romania. The conference has included in each of its previous editions more than 650 papers and hosted more than 2000 authors and experts from 41 countries worldwide. This promises to be a great opportunity to network, learn and gain some new perspectives. Click [here](#) for additional information.



SAAFoST's KwaZulu-Natal Branch is proud to host the 24th Biennial SAAFoST Congress. The organizing committee is excited to bring you the first ever virtual SAAFoST Congress. The abstract submission deadline was 16 April 2021. All interested participants can check the website for any updates. For more information, please click [here](#).



The ISEKI-Food Association (European Association for Integrating Food Science and Engineering Knowledge into the Food Chain) is organizing the 6th International ISEKI-Food Conference (ISEKI-Food 2021) to be held online 23-25 June 2021 and will explore the theme: Sustainable development goals in food systems: Challenges and opportunities for the future. Although the deadline for submission of abstracts closed on 25th April 2021 after an extension, interested participant can check the conference website by clicking [here](#). There is sure to be networking and important insights to glean from this conference.



The [Food Safety Summit](#), produced by Food Safety Magazine and BNP Media, will take place virtually from 11-13 May. Since its inception in 2001, the Food Safety Summit has been designed as a solutions-based conference and expo designed to meet the educational and informational needs of the entire food industry.



Due to the limitations during the COVID crisis the Food Chemistry Division of EuChemS had decided to start a scientific lecture series which can be attended using the internet. This opens the opportunity to invite guest speakers from all over the world. This webinar series will start on 12th May 2021 at 15:00 (CET) with Reto Battaglia talking about "Why should anyone need a food chemist?" Reto Battaglia was chairman of the Food Chemistry Division from 1995-2000, being very active in promoting food chemistry. For a period of nearly 20 years, he was the head of the laboratories of the Migros company. After leaving this company he founded his own enterprise and is currently active in the area of food safety.



The Second Annual Food Safety Summit, South Africa, will be held on 8-9 June 2021 with the theme “Teaming up for safe food for a healthy tomorrow”, in celebration of World Food Safety Day. The event is virtual, which gives people across the globe the opportunity to join in. This is an excellent programme consisting of presentations by national and international experts, and round table discussions. For the first time, it offers two interactive sessions on identifying real risks and food safety culture, where the audience will be fully engaged. Click [here](#) for more information.

Food Safety Profession proposal - A plan for globally safer food

There are few formal requirements around the world for those in the food chain responsible for the design and management of food safety, while frequently food safety incidents take place, harming consumers. The working group (WG) for Ethics in Food Safety Practices, supported by the GHI Board feels that food safety professional (FSPro) should be a globally recognised regulated profession. To that end the WG developed a proposal describing the responsibilities, the education requirements and the establishment of professional bodies and registers for this purpose. On 2 March 2021 a [Press Release](#) was distributed describing the proposal and including a link to download the [full text of the proposal](#) from the GHI Library.

Women in Science International Awards

The Women in Science International Awards are presented every year to five outstanding women scientists – one for each of the following regions: Africa and the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean and North America - in recognition of their scientific accomplishments. For details see [here](#).

Newly appointed GHI Ambassadors, 2021

The number of GHI ambassadors is constantly growing. In 2020, we welcomed 6 ambassadors representing diverse geographical locations as the list of countries below attests. Kindly join me in extending a warm welcome to our newly appointed GHI ambassadors. Please reach out to them to know more about how you may engage with them. This is also a clear indication that our GHI Ambassadors’ Director Dr. Alina-Ioana Gostin (Ardelean) has been working hard and deserves a commendation for her good work. You can get more information from our GHI ambassadors web page [here](#):

Ambassadors appointed since 2020

Ambassador’s name	Country
Prof. Dr. Marco Dalla Rosa	Italy
Prof. Dr. Eng. Abdymanap Ospanov	Kazakhstan
Dr. Erasmo Herman Y. Lara	Mexico
Dr. Sri Kartik Baruah	Sweden
Dr. Nicola Stanley	UK
Dr. Bào Thy Vuong	Vietnam

EFSA Management Board vacancy

The European Commission is organising a selection procedure to replace 1 out of 14 members of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority whose mandate will expire on 30 June 2021. The call for expressions of interest is published in the Official Journal of the European Union: [OJ C 118 of 7 April 2021](#). The online application and the Declaration of Interest Form are available [here](#). **The deadline for submission of applications is 7 May 2021.**

Books, articles and book chapters by GHI and members of GHI on food and nutrient safety and security

NOTE: Members of GHI who have presentations and/or articles and/or chapters relevant to food safety and food security may send these or the links for downloading from the publisher to the GHI Librarian: Abenaa Akyaa Okyere (abenaagyeman52@yahoo.com).

Detection and quantification of Aflatoxin B1 in corn and corn-grown soils in the district of Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka – W.M.S.C. Jayaratne, A.H.M.A.K. Abeyratne, H.K.S. De Zoysa, D.M.R.B.N. Dissanayake, T.C. Bamunuarachchige, V.Y. Waisundara, and S. Chang. The article was published in Heliyon 6 (2020) e05319. Published by Elsevier Ltd. Open [Access](#).

Oportunidades en medio de la crisis: El desafío empresarial para mantener el abastecimiento de alimentos y asegurar la salud de los trabajadores en tiempos de COVID19. M.Sc. Gisela Kopper, Junio 2020. Gisela is a GHI Ambassador in Costa Rica. The Spanish original is [here](#). [English translation of the title](#): Opportunities in the midst of crisis: The business challenge to maintain the food supply and ensure workers' health in times of COVID19.

SARS-CoV-2 and Risk to Food Safety - L.E.C.M. Anelich, R. Lues, J.M. Farber, and V.R. Parreira, November, 2020. For more details click [here](#). A summary of the same information was published in Food Safety Magazine. For details on this summary click [here](#).

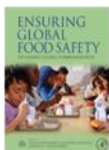
Nutrition and health aspects of traditional and ethnic foods. Two new volumes in this series will be published soon. One is about the Balkans and the other about Eastern Europe. The books can be pre-ordered from [Elsevier](#). Books published earlier in this series are those about the Nordic Countries, Western Europe and South Asia.

Note that, as with all food science books published by Elsevier, using the code GHI30 gives you a discount of 30%.

Anh văn chuyên ngành Dinh dưỡng và Khoa học Thực phẩm: Hướng dẫn cho sinh viên Việt Nam. (English translation of the title: English for nutrition and food science: A guide for Vietnamese students). Vuong Bào Thy and Nguyen Buu Huan. [Lambert Academic Publishing ISBN 978-620-2-53145-0, 2020](#).

Anh văn chuyên ngành Công nghệ chế biến Thực phẩm: hướng dẫn cho sinh viên Việt Nam (English for techno-food processing: A practical guide for Vietnamese students). By Vuong Bào Thy and Nguyen Buu Huan. [Lambert Academic Publishing. ISBN 978-620-2-52709-5, 2020](#).

Copies of earlier GHI books are still available

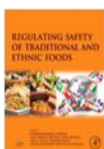


Ensuring Global Food Safety – Exploring Global Harmonization

Edited by Christine Boisrobert, Aleksandra Stjepanovic, Sangsuk Oh and Huub Lelieveld

Elsevier/Academic Press, 2009

ISBN: 9780123748454 (print) and 9780080889306 (eBook)



Regulating Safety of Traditional and Ethnic Foods

Edited by Vishweshwaraiyah Prakash, Olga Martín-Belloso, Larry Keener, Siân Astley, Susanne Braun, Helena McMahon and Huub Lelieveld

Elsevier/Academic Press, 2015

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