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President's message

Nature has presented humanity with numerous challenges, particularly evident in places like Dubai and Guangdong Province, China, where massive and devastating flooding has occurred. Despite the human tragedy associated with such events, they should serve as a wake-up call, prompting us to contemplate what is needed to adjust to the new realities, how it will impact the food system and what we as individuals and through GHI can do.

As April includes Earth Day and Earth Week, GHI needs to reinvigorate its efforts to assure a safe and sufficient food supply. Thinking positively, this month has been wonderful for GHI, filled with many opportunities for growth and positive impact.

Within GHI, we have launched a new working group on Safe Water, and we were engaging in consultations on developing a Food Safety curriculum applicable around the world at the high school level. I am exceptionally proud of all our GHI members who are actively interested in and pursuing these important projects with genuine enthusiasm, providing us with scientifically competent and humane advice.

It is heartening to see how our members are dedicating themselves to these crucial issues, understanding the significance of safe water and food safety for our younger generations and communities worldwide. Their passion and expertise are invaluable assets as we navigate these challenges together.

In a world that often emphasizes negativity and challenges, it can be difficult to maintain a positive outlook. However, I believe that by staying focused on meaningful projects and leveraging our collective expertise, we can make a significant difference. Together, we can continue to create positive impacts and contribute to the well-being of humanity and to the success of GHI's mission.

Dr Diana Bogueva, April 2024
GHI President

Editor's message

Dear readers I am excited to present to you the GHI Matters for the month of April, 2024. The first issue in which our new GHI president Dr. Diana Bogueva writes her first message as full President.

GHI has continued aggressively in, its bid to forge mutually beneficial collaborations with other scientific bodies in a bid to continue its core mandate of achieving consensus on science of food regulations and legislations ensure global availability of Safe food for all consumers. The Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with FoodSAfety4EU and Mexican Society of Safety and Quality for Food Consumers are cited in this current Issue.

GHI will be hosting a side event at the IUFOST congress in Italy in September this year. Since the early bird registration deadline has been extended to 16th of May 2024, I am calling upon members who would like to attend the meeting to take advantage of the extension and register to support GHI at the event.

Finally, I want to wish all of you an enjoyable read and hope that you may give yourself the gift of peace of mind in a world that is facing turbulence from every direction.

God bless you.

*Dr. Benard Oloo, April 2021
Editor GHI Matters*

Signing of the FoodSafety4EU consortium agreement

GHI has signed a membership agreement with the FoodSafety4EU consortium to join the EU Food Safety Platform as a Platform Member. This agreement will be in place for five years and entails partnering in the development of a comprehensive global science-policy-society interaction strategy alongside FS4EU consortium partners.

As an associated partner, GHI eagerly anticipates actively participating in collaborative actions with other internationally funded projects and initiatives in the realm of food safety. Our objective is to enhance knowledge, foster collaboration, exchange information, engage in joint activities, capitalize on public results, and facilitate dissemination efforts, including co-organizing international events.

Memorandum of Understanding Signing

GHI has signed a memorandum of understanding for cooperation with the Mexican Society of Safety and Quality for Food Consumers A.C. (SOMEICCA A.C). This society is a non-profit civil association comprising food science professionals whose mission is to contribute to the dissemination of food science and technology information. Their goal is to help food consumers improve their dietary habits based on nutritional, functional, food safety, and quality criteria. They also aim to promote interactive participation among all stakeholders involved in the regulation, production, marketing, and consumption of food. The memorandum was signed by GHI President Dr. Diana Bogueva on behalf of the GHI Board and Dr. Esmeralda Paz Lemus, SOMEICCA Board Member, representing their respective boards.

GHI Food Safety Club – Nigeria Activities

The first GHI Food Safety Club is in Nigeria in the Federal Government Girls' College, Nkwelle-Ezunaka (Onitsha). They participated in the annual inter-house sports competition among school clubs across Nigeria on March 23, 2024. Although they did not secure a spot in the top three places, the club members proudly represented their Food Safety club alongside other competing schools. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm and initiative in showcasing their club activities and popularizing them among other schools.



'Future Career Perspectives in Food Safety and Regulatory Compliance' - A GHI Co-Sponsored Events with IFSA

On April 19th, GHI co-sponsored a hybrid event with the International Food Safety Association (IFSA) focused on students - 'Future Career Perspectives in Food Safety and Regulatory Compliance'.



A broad range of speakers presented and provided coverage of career options, including globally and more specifically in Hong Kong, United Kingdom and United States.

The event was held in Hong Kong, partly in English and partly in Cantonese. Due to time zone differences our GHI speakers prepared videos of their presentations, which are available on the GHI YouTube channel:

Cori Muse of Muse Food Safety Solutions LLC in the United States - Empowering Students - Exploring Careers in Food Safety - A US Perspective – Available at: <https://youtu.be/I9209-ySNyI>

Dr. Alaa Alaizoki, GHI Ambassador for the UK, Future Careers in Food Safety - A UK Perspective - Available at: <https://youtu.be/nF6HdkyOvCc>

We are planning future events to celebrate World Food Safety Day more information will be available closer to the time – please check with our social media channels to keep updated (LinkedIn, X and Facebook):

Friday 7th June: Joint webinar with the International Food Safety Association (IFSA)

Monday 10th June: Joint webinar with the Lebanese Association of Food Scientists & Technologists (LAFST)

GHI Special Session at IUFOST

The International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFOST) conference will take place in Rimini, Italy from September 8th to 12th, 2024. GHI will host a special session with the theme ‘Debating the Future of Food’. Here are the titles of the talks and the presenters participating in this special session.

GHI Special session theme: Session Chair: Prof Michael Murkovic, Graz University of Technology, Austria	
Duration: 90 minutes	
<i>Session speaker's name</i>	<i>Talk title</i>
Prof Dora Marinova, Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute, Curtin University, Australia	Will future food be part of the sustainability transition?
Dr Nicola Stanley, Coventry University, UK	3D food printing for the future
Prof Michael Murkovic, Institute of Biochemistry, Graz University of Technology, Austria	Addressing the future of chemical contamination in food
Assoc. Prof. Christelle Bou-Mitri, Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences, Notre Dame University, Zouk Mosbeh, Lebanon	Novel food processing technologies uses and their impacts on pulses-based foods as alternative to meat and dairy products
Prof Anselimo Makokha Dept of Food Science	Future of indigenous African foods

Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), Kenya	
Dr Diana Bogueva, Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute, Curtin University, Australia	What is the future of food in the eyes of the consumers?

The Early Bird deadline for registration at IUFOST has been extended to May 16th, 2024. Come and join our GHI session.

GHI Congress New Date Now Out

As we communicated in the last issue, please take note that the 2nd GHI Congress is now scheduled for June 25-27, 2025, in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The extra time will give GHI a better opportunity to organize the meeting. And hopefully, as members, it gives you time to plan on attending, either in person or remotely. The Organizing and Scientific Committees are being updated along with bringing in other members with tasks to make the meeting a success. (Volunteers can still join either committee. Please enclose a SHORT biography to jmr9@cornell.edu and any information as to why you would like to serve in that position.) Besides the scientific program, this is also an opportunity for the working groups and other parts of GHI to meet in person, and for the organization to informally discuss relevant issues with its members. The General Assembly and the Board of GHI are looking forward to getting to know many of you and to share scientific insights. Please let Joe Regenstein (jmr9@cornell.edu) know if you would like to arrange a Working Group meeting, volunteer to be involved in other ways, or have suggestions for topics or speakers.

World Food Safety Day: What are You Doing about It?

World Food Safety Day 2024 will occur on 7 June, 2024. Log onto the World Food Safety Day website and Codex Twitter feeds (@FAOWHOCodex) to find out this year's theme and how you can play your part in keeping food safe! Please also do not forget to share with the GHI team your plans for the celebrations and afterwards, your food safety day celebration report. We shall be happy to carry the reports of the successful World Safety Day celebrations in GHI Matters.

[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.