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President's message

Dear Readers,

Hopefully 2022 started better for you than 2021. It is starting to look like the pandemic is over its maximum and life may gradually become more - although not completely - normal again.

Meanwhile, during the pandemic, the officers of GHI have been very active and I hope that you are as pleased as I am with the information in this issue of GHI Matters. Please read it carefully because you may want to act, and if so, you need to do so on time.

Take care and kind regards,

Huub Lelieveld, 19th February, 2022.

Editor's message

Dear Readers,

It gives me great pleasure to present the 44th Issue of GHI Matters for February, the 1st of the next 6 issues of GHI Matters for the year 2022. From the GHI Editors desk, we plan to have an issue available for you every 2 months. This allows for up-to-date information that also allows members who have any announcements to do so in good time.

In this issue, we carry very important information regarding the plight of scientists who are in occupied territories and a humble request on the need to support them.

There is also a planned election of GHI Board Members that shall take place as a side event at the 21st World Congress of Food Science & Technology in Singapore. All eligible members motivated to support GHI as a member of the Board are requested to send in their application.

There is also an exciting video poster presentation contest for students where the winners will not only receive cash awards but shall be expected to present their posters in person at the IUFOST World Congress 2022 in Singapore.

The GHI family continues to attract enthusiastic new members through the ambassador's program. In this issue we are introducing 4 new ambassadors for the countries of Ethiopia New Zealand, Poland and Tanzania.

The list of events also includes high powered scientific conferences that you will find valuable and worth your participation and sharing with colleagues in your networks.

Finally, GHI through the various Working Groups will kick off a series of seminars to highlight some of the ongoing projects and results realized in the year 2022. These will be exciting and informative sessions that we should all plan to attend.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable read and a productive and healthy living in the year 2022.

Benard Oloo, Editor - GHI Matters, 20th February, 2022

Key Highlights

Scientists in occupied territories

Because we are global and therefore also care for people in occupied territories, GHI feels that the article in Nature of 10 February 2022 about scientists working in occupied territories deserves the attention of all scientists around the world and therefore we provide the link [here](#). There may be scientists among us who have contacts that may be helpful for the scientists in these territories. Where that is the case, please do find ways to engage and help at this time of need.

Elections of New GHI Board Members

Once every three years, the General Assembly (GA) of GHI (a body of 35 representatives of the GHI membership) must elect a new GHI Board. They choose between the candidates and so far, the candidates have been the current members of the Board, with only a few exceptions. It will be good if there would be more candidates so that the GA has more choices and will also have the possibility to take into consideration age and gender. These elections are important because GHI also needs to prepare for the future. There is still much to do to improve global food safety and food security.

The next election is planned for October/November 2022. If you feel you may be able to help GHI to reach its goals by joining the Board, you are invited to send a message with a short CV (no more than 2 pages please), your motivation, and any other information (no more than one page) you feel may be relevant to your candidacy, for inclusion in the list of candidates to be presented to the GA. All members of GHI may nominate themselves. There will be no selection or filtering. You may address your candidacy to GHI's General Secretary, Adriana Sterian (adriana.sterian@globalharmonization.net) with a copy to me (huub.lielieveld@globalharmonization.net).

21st World Congress of Food Science & Technology

The 21st IUFoST Congress will be held in Singapore, from 31 October to 3 November 2022. It has become a tradition that GHI organises meetings during this congress, highlighting some of the results and plans of GHI, and also hosting other presentations from GHI members that relate to GHI's objectives. If you are interested in presenting at a GHI session, please send your proposal (title and abstract, and suggestions for other speakers) to the Chair of the Scientific Committee for the GHI sessions, Chin-Kun Wang (wck@csmu.edu.tw) as soon as possible. The titles for the two GHI sessions are "Food safety and security" and "Food science and nutrition".

Apart from the GHI session(s), there will be the General Assembly and several working group (WG) meetings. If you want to participate in a WG meeting, please send a message to the WG Director, Diana Bogueva (diana.bogueva@globalharmonization.net).

Announcement of GHI Student Video Poster Competition at IUFoST World Congress 2022 – Singapore, 31 Oct to 3 Nov.

GHI is inviting student video-posters to be included in GHI's Plenary Sessions at the IUFoST World Congress.

To initiate your entry, please prepare a written abstract of no more than **200 words** outlining the research you would like to present as part of your video poster session.

Your poster must be related to one of the following topics:

- Global food safety and food security
- or
- Health and nutrition

Please send your written abstract to Diana Bogueva at diana.bogueva@globalharmonization.net by March 31st.

You will hear by the end of April, 2022 if your poster abstract has been successfully accepted. All successful entries will be asked to produce a video no longer than **15 minute** of their research. The deadline for submission of video poster presentations is: June 30th.

The GHI reviewing panel will announce the winners by July 31st.

The winners will then be invited to present their posters in person at the Global Harmonization Initiative Sessions at the IUFOST World Congress in Singapore. The GHI's contribution towards the winners' attendance at IUFOST 2022 will be: First Prize 1000 Euro, second prize 750 Euro and third prize 500 Euro.

More information will be available soon about the full line up of presenters at the GHI sessions.

IUFOST 2022 World Congress early bird tickets, saving 23%, are available up to 18th April, 2022. For more information, check out the conference website [here](#).

Please encourage students to send in abstracts for the GHI video poster competition. In case of questions contact Diana Bogueva at diana.bogueva@globalharmonization.net

The Whole Grain Initiative puts consensus definition for whole grains on the table

The [Whole Grain Initiative](#), a collaborative group of academic, industry, and government scientists, was formed to advance the understanding of whole grains and public health. The group has published a global consensus definition of whole grain as an ingredient and whole grain foods in the journal *Nutrients* (December 29, 2021). Open access to the article can be obtained by clicking [here](#).

Globally, whole grains and whole grain foods have been inconsistently defined. The new, consensus definitions promote uniformity and consistency among researchers studying whole grain intake as well as for the industry when communicating the presence of whole grain as an ingredient or in products. The published paper will serve as the basis for advocacy efforts to standardize whole grain definitions and their adoption by national and regional authoritative bodies, as well as industry, which is being encouraged.

Welcoming New GHI Ambassadors

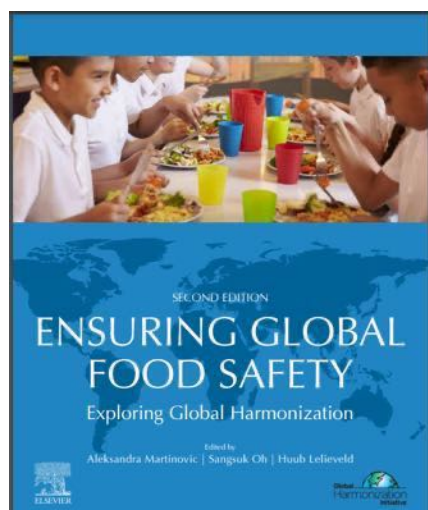
From December 2021 to date, GHI has had the pleasure of welcoming the following new ambassadors to the GHI family; Dr. Tadasse, Mr. Olotu, Dr. Jamal and Dr. Andrzej. For full details refer to the table below. Please connect with these new ambassadors by visiting the list of Ambassadors on the GHI Home page [here](#) to welcome them. The GHI Ambassador's Director, Dr. Alina Gostin deserves commendation for stellar leadership of the GHI Ambassador's portfolio.

Table 1: New GHI ambassadors and their appointment dates

Ambassador	Status
Dr. Tadesse Fikre TEFERRA Ambassador for Ethiopia	Appointed 15 Dec 2021
Mr. Olanrewaju Olotu Co-ambassador for New Zealand, along with Dr. Kang Huang	Appointed 13 Feb 2022
Dr. Jamal Kussaga Co-ambassador for Tanzania along with Prof. Dr. Godwin Ndossi	Appointed 30 Jan 2022
Dr. Andrzej Fetlinski Ambassadors for Poland	Appointed 13 Feb 2022

Books by GHI Members

Ensuring Global Food Safety- 2nd Edition has been Published



The second edition (2nd Ed) of the Book, *Ensuring Global Food Safety* edited by Aleksandra Martinovic, Sanguk Oh, and Huub Lelieveld has been published by Elsevier. GHI members can get a 30% discount on this book by simply using the Promo code GHI30. The book can be ordered [here](#).

Book proposal by Dr. Sunita Singh

GHI member, Sunita Singh, Ph.D. from the Department of Chemistry at Navyug Kanya Mahavidyalaya University of Lucknow (India) is developing a proposal for a book "Beyond Flavors and Aromas: Spices and Herbs -- The New Age Nutraceuticals". If you are interested in contributing to this book, please contact Sunita at oceans.singh@gmail.com.

Events

20th ICC Conference 2022



ICC and BOKU, the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences Vienna will organize the 20th International ICC Conference from 5-7 July 2022 in Vienna, Austria, about the “Future Challenges for Cereal Science and Technology”. Kindly visit the conference web page [here](#) for more information.

The program will cover aspects and the latest developments starting from crop production with special emphasis on the change of climate and its influence on world nutrition via cereal processing, nutrition, analytics, quality and safety up to market trends and consumer demands to tackle the needs of the cereal business today and tomorrow.

The ICC2022 will be a great forum and an excellent opportunity to convene and collaborate, to build new connections and to renew old friendships.

All stakeholders in the grain food chains are encouraged to support this event by contributing through their expertise and sharing the results of their work in oral and poster presentations as well as panel discussions and tabletop exhibitions.

GHI webinars Series

GHI is starting a new initiative: a series of monthly webinars that will feature its working groups’ activities and disseminate their results. The webinar series will be presented every last Thursday of the month, starting on the 31st March 2022 with the Ethics in Food Safety Practices working group. This webinar will be discussing the importance of whistleblowing to ensure the safety of food supplies with a focus on the GHI whistleblower food safety incident reporting site that was launched towards the end of 2021. Special speakers will be:

- 1) Dr. Nicola Stanley, who will be discussing the philosophy behind the creation of the GHI Whistleblower Food Safety Incident Report Site.
- 2) Dr. Yasmine Motarjemi, who will tell us about her journey as a whistleblower against an ex-employer - a multinational food company.
- 3) Dr. Peter Overbosch, who will discuss whistleblower legislation around the world and future directions of this project.

In the month of April, we will have a webinar from the Chemical Food Safety working group led by Prof. Dr. Michael Murkovic and Prof. Dr. Franco Pedreschi.

If interested in learning about our future GHI seminars' schedule, please check the GHI website event calendar, which will be available soon, and/or GHI Matters. For more information about the webinars contact Diana Bogueva at diana.bogueva@globalharmonization.net and/or Nicola Stanley at Nicola.Stanley@globalharmonization.net.

NUTRICON Congress 2022



The NUTRICON Congress, which is dedicated to Food Quality and Safety, and Health and Nutrition will be held from 8th to 10th June 2022 in Ohrid, Macedonia. The 2022 Congress will discuss the reasons for the UN's World Food Safety Day (which is on 7 June) and address how participants may contribute to improving the chances that everybody in the world will get access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food. The abstract submission deadline will be 15 May 2022, which is also the Early Bird Registration Deadline. More details about the conference can be accessed [here](#).

IFW 2022 | 3rd International Conference: Insects to Feed the World 2022



This is a reminder that the “Insects to Feed the World” international conference will be held in Quebec City, Canada in June 2022. Because insects will certainly have an increasing role in food security, this conference offers a unique opportunity for interested players to get up dated on the current and future directions of insect research. If interested kindly access further information on their website, [here](#). Diana Bogueva, GHI's Working Group Coordinator is a member of their Scientific Committee.

[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.