

The Nutrition Society Monthly Activity Round-up

March-April 2023



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

AOAC Sub-Sahara Conference.

The Association of Official Analytical Collaboration (AOAC), sub-Saharan section, held their conference in Johannesburg, South Africa on 27-31 March. The Society's CEO was an invited guest, and delivered a talk on the Society's new Academy and its publications portfolio, and a second talk on The Need for Ethical Leadership. The AOAC is a new partnership for the Society within its Academy platform.



The Nutrition and Dietetics Congress of South Africa.

The Nutrition and Dietetics Congress of South Africa Conference was hosted by the South African Nutrition Society in Cape Town on 18-20 April. The Nutrition Society was invited to attend and was represented by our President Professor Julie Lovegrove and the CEO. Professor Lovegrove delivered a session detailing her career and key areas of research, and the CEO joined a panel discussion on the future challenges for professional associations. Professor Lovegrove and the CEO also attended an ANLP networking event.



Middle East Nutrition Leadership Programme (MENLP).

The CEO attended a planning meeting for the MENLP on 24 April. The MENLP are planning their second annual programme for later this year. The Society supports the programme through provision of a bursary for members of the Society, and the CEO is also a member of the academic advisory board and faculty.

EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS



Academy for Nutrition Sciences (ANS).

The ANS held its AGM on 18 April. The Society is a founding member of the ANS. At the AGM, Professor Julie Lovegrove was elected a new Trustee of ANS, a position she will take up in July this year after she steps down as the Society's President.

Nutrition 5 (N5).

The N5 is a collaboration between the 5 nutrition partners (British Nutrition Foundation (BNF), the British Dietetic Association (BDA), the Association for Nutrition (AfN), the Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) and The Nutrition Society). The CEOs meet several times a year to discuss mutually agreeable projects. The N5 met on 9 March and reviewed their respective EDI policies and progress between made in the area. It was agreed to work together more closely in this area, seeking a greater impact in delivering effective EDI across nutrition science.

Cardiff University.

The CEO visited the new Student Nutrition Society at Cardiff University on 24 March. He met with the founding members, and shared an update on the activities of the Society.

PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES

STEM for BRITAIN.

STEM for Britain, the prestigious annual poster competition hosted in the House of Commons, took place on 6 March. Rebecca Evans, University of Liverpool, won the Nutrition Society Prize, for her research entitled 'Food and non-alcoholic beverage marketing via leading videogame livestreaming platforms: what is the extent, nature and impact on eating behaviour and health in UK adolescents?'. The Society's President, Professor Julie Lovegrove, presented the prize.



Voice of the Future.

Voice of the Future returned to the House of Commons on 13 March for the first time since 2019. The event sees young researchers question the Parliamentary Select Committee for Science and Technology on a range of STEM related issues. The Society was represented at the event by Sara Jacobs (interning from the USA in the Society's London office) and student member Eva Thomas.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMES

Scottish Section Conference 2023.

The Society's Scottish Conference was hosted by the Scottish Section in The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons Glasgow, 28-29 March.

Over
110
delegates attended

26
Original Communications presented

12
guest speakers attended



Member-Led Meeting: Bridging the gap between Science and Industry.

The Society's Member-Led Meeting: Bridging the gap between Science and Industry took place online on 19 April with over 190 attendees.

The meeting highlighted and celebrated the vital relationships between the food industry and academia, bridging the gap between evidence-based nutrition knowledge and large-scale commercial communications, to support the health of consumers.

GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

Strategic Communications Committee.

The Strategic Communications Committee, chaired by Dr Carrie Ruxton, met on 7 March. The committee reviewed the latest developments in the creation of the Society's Wikipedia page, the continued growth in the Society's social media following (and the analytics supporting that growth), the progress being made for the first Nutrition: Science and Health All Party Parliamentary Group meeting, and discussed the content plan for the summer edition of The Gazette.



Medical Working Group.

The Medical Working Group, chaired by Professor Bernard Corfe, met on 26 April. The Working Group's remit is to manage and develop relationships between the Society and the medical profession and associated member learned societies. The Group reviewed progress being made with the nutrition medical curriculum. The Group also reviewed the latest relationships with the Association of Official Analytical Collaboration (AOAC) in Africa, The British Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (BAPEN), the British Society of Gastroenterologists, and Cure Parkinson's.

Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee, chaired by Professor Eileen Gibney, met on 21 March. The committee welcomed two new international members to the committee from Greece and Italy. The committee discussed the progress being made for the introduction of free undergraduate membership, the role of University Ambassadors, the success of the new members' coffee morning, and the outcomes of the survey for industry/sports members.



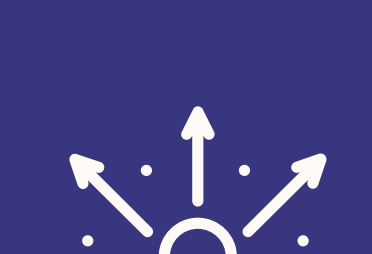
Advisory Council.

The Society's Advisory Council met with the Society's Trustees on 26 April. In addition to reporting to the Trustees on progress and developments in their respective portfolios, the Council Members debated, and provided important input on, one strategic issue: A review of the Society's supporters and sponsors policy. In addition they provided comment on the possibility of moving the Society's Winter Conference from December to January, the potential for harmonisation and improvement of the abstract process between student and post graduate sections, and the development of management of media relations.

Trustee Board.

The Society's Trustee Board met on 27 April. They approved:

- An updated policy to guide the working relationships between Members and Trustees and the Society's employees.
- A policy on the collection of Members' data to support the development of EDI within the Society.
- The revised 2023 budget
- The Rules for the introduction of an Appointments Committee



They also reviewed progress being made against the Strategic Plan priority area 4 'Enhance the governance and management of the Society'.

In addition, they considered potential nominees for the award of the 2023 Honorary Fellowships, new FENS board members, and the FENS Award for 2023.