

# The Nutrition Society Monthly Activity Round-up

April 2022



## INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS



### New Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs) Consortium.

On 19 April the CEO attended the second planning meeting of the new Consortium of Nutrition and Dietetic Societies from LMICs. A range of overarching principles and objectives were discussed, and it was agreed to pursue the project as a potential Task Force of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS).

### Global Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition.

As part of the Society's support to the Global Research Consortium for School Health and Nutrition, plans to establish a Special Interest Group (SIG) in this area are now well developed. Society members planning the SIG met on 21 April to finalise the SIG application process.

## Experimental Biology Conference.

The Society mounted an exhibition at the Experimental Biology conference on 2-6 April in Philadelphia, USA. The exhibition promoted the 75th Anniversary of the *British Journal of Nutrition (BJN)*, the *Gut Microbiome Journal (GMB)*, and the Nutrition Society Training Academy (NSTA). The conference was attended by 8,000 delegates and valuable interaction took place with the attendees.

## EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS



### Academy for Nutrition Sciences (ANS).

The Society hosts the Secretariat for the ANS and organises quarterly meetings for its Operational Support Group (OSG) of the CEOs of the ANS member organisations. The OSG met on 20 April, and reviewed the communication support being offered to ANS. The methodology for setting the annual ANS membership fee was also discussed and agreed.

### The Foundation for Science and Technology (FST).

As a scientific learned society, the Society is supported by the Foundation for Science and Technology, who provide regular governance and legal advice. The Foundation is chaired by the Rt Hon the Lord Willetts FRS. The CEO attended the Foundation's annual luncheon at The Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, where the guest speaker, the Viscount Stansgate, discussed how learned societies can seek to influence parliamentary debate.

## PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES

### STEM for BRITAIN.

The STEM for Britain (an annual poster competition hosted in the House of Commons) partners met on 31 March to review the outcomes and impact of the 7 March 2022 event. Several improvements were agreed to the format and judging for 2023.



## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMES

### Scottish Section Conference.

Over 4-5 April the Society's Scottish Section hosted a conference 'Nutrition, immune function and infectious disease' at the Royal Society in Edinburgh. The conference was attended by 100 delegates both face-to face and through the live-streaming format.



## PUBLICATIONS



### Cambridge University Press Partner Conference.

On 29 March the Society's publishing partner, Cambridge University Press (CUP), hosted an online Partner Conference during which updates were provided in the many of the topical areas of publishing. A number of Society members attended the conference.

## GOVERNANCE MEETINGS

### Strategic Communications Committee.

The Committee met on 30 March and agreed on a number of ways it can support the Society's Strategic Plan. It established the communication priorities for 2022, completed its work on the new framework for responding to external consultations, and signed off the Society's style and brand guidelines. The committee also reviewed the latest social media analytics.



### Advisory Council.

The Society's Advisory Council met (its 142nd meeting) on 25 April. In addition to its regular reports, the Council considered:

- a proposal for a new Membership Advisory Panel,
- participation in a major external publication,
- engagement with the Food Standards Agency.



### Board of Trustees.

The Society's Trustees met on 26 April and:

- reviewed progress within Priority Two of the Strategic Plan,
- discussed the potential for external support to its plans for sustainability,
- reviewed the elections for new trustees in July 2022,
- approved the 2022 revised budget,
- considered a new approach to Trustee training and professional development,
- reviewed their equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) policies and approach,
- agreed a new partnership with The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM).



Members who may be interested in becoming involved in any of the activities which support the work of the Society are invited to contact Mark Hollingsworth, the Society's CEO,

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