The Nutrition Society Monthly Activity Round-up

August-September 2022

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Middle East Nutrition Leadership Programme (MENLP).

The new MENLP was launched on 21 September in Istanbul, Turkey. The MENLP was attended by 18 delegates, and the course ran from 21-24 September. The Society provided a bursary for one of its members from the Middle East to attend the programme. The Society supported, and by the Society’s Training Academy. The Society looks forward to reinvigorating the MENLP outreach projects in Africa.

eNutrition Academy (eNA).

The Society’s CEO attended the eNA Trustee Meeting on 28 September. The trustees of the eNA formally approved the transfer of the eNA’s activities to the Society, which will become embedded in, and supported by, the Society’s Training Academy. The Society’s CEO and other members of the eNA team attended the meeting and discussed the future of the eNA’s activities.

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Nutrition Futures 2022.

Nutrition Futures 2022 was held in Coventry University 6-7 September. 91 delegates attended a highly interactive and lively conference, with a balance of nutrition scientific sessions and career advice/workshops.

STEM for Britain.

Applications for STEM for Britain 2023 opened on 12 September. This poster competition, held annually within The House of Commons, will take place on 6 March 2023. The launch event was held virtually and was attended by the Society’s CEO and many external learned society partners. The Society sponsors the annual nutrition prize. The closing date for applications is 26 November 2022.

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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, m.hollingsworth@nutritionsociety.org