

The Nutrition Society Monthly Activity Round-up



December 2022-January 2023

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

IUNS Congress.

The International Union of Nutrition Sciences held their first Congress since 2017 in Tokyo, Japan 5-11 December 2022. 3,300 delegates from across the world attended. The Society hosted both a symposium and a popular exhibition stand at the Congress, promoting the Society's publications, training, and conferences. The Society also hosted a reception to recognise the 75th Anniversary of its flagship journal *British Journal of Nutrition (BJN)*.



EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS



University College London (UCL).

The CEO visited the UCL nutrition students on 18 January and delivered his lecture 'Why you should join a learned society'.

Insurance Adviser.

The Society's insurance broker, Mr Andrew Leaver, visited the Society's offices on 19 January to review insurance requirements for the refurbished offices, and to advise on the latest cyber security insurance challenges.

Annual Reception.

The Society held its Annual Reception at The Royal Air Force Club on 23 January. The reception was attended by over 100 guests who, all in their various ways, provide essential support to the Society. Professor Julie Lovegrove presented Honorary Fellow awards to three new Fellows: Professor Chris Seal; Professor Clyde Williams; and Professor Maggie Gill. Professor Catherine Geissler presented IUNS Fellowships to Professors Sean Strain and Albert Flynn, and an IUNS Living Legend Award to Professor Joe Millward.

The Nutrition Collective.

A new initiative from the Society was launched on 23 January – 'The Nutrition Collective'. Twenty specially invited guests from the commercial and nutrition science research sectors, as well as food and drink entrepreneurs and non-profit Foundations and Federations joined the Society's President and CEO for dinner. The initiative aims to foster innovation and creativity around nutrition science by facilitating and building long lasting relationships and inter-disciplinary collaborations, breaking down barriers and bridging gaps between science and what we eat and drink.

PARLIAMENTARY ACTIVITIES

All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG).

The CEO and Science Comms Manager met with six politicians in the House of Commons on 17 January and officially formed a new APPG, 'Nutrition: Science and Health'. With the MP, Tracey Crouch, as its chair, this Group aims to lead on ensuring evidence-based nutrition science is actively debated and accessed in Parliament.



SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMMES

Honorary Fellows Annual Meeting.

Twenty-one of the Society's thirty Honorary Fellows held their annual meeting on 23 January. The guest speaker at the meeting was Viscount Stansgate from the House of Lords.



The 2022 Senior Award.

Professor John Mathers delivered The Society's prestigious Gowland Hopkins Award Lecture Award on 23 January.

Winter Conference 2022/23.

The Society's Winter Meeting was held on 24-25 January at The Royal Society. The Theme 'Architecture of Food: Processing, Structure and Health' proved very popular, with a record number of delegates attending.

Over
330
delegates attended

47
Original Communications presented

18
guest speakers attended

PUBLICATIONS

Cambridge University Press (CUP) Strategy Meeting.

The Society manages its six scientific journals through a publishing partnership with the publisher CUP. The progress against an overarching strategy is reviewed twice a year.

The Publications Committee met with members of CUP on 27 January to review the progress of the strategy. The drive to Open Access, development of Read and Publish deals, and the progress of the Society's *Public Health Nutrition (PHN)* journal following its recent 'flip' to full Open Access were discussed.



GOVERNANCE MEETINGS



Science Committee.

The Science Committee, chaired by Professor John Brameld, met on 10 January, and reviewed and planned the Society's upcoming 11 conferences in 2023-2024. The committee also agreed to host a symposium at the 2023 FENS conference in Belgrade this November.

Medical Working Group.

The Medical Working Group, chaired by Professor Bernard Corfe, met on 11 January.

The Group reviewed the status of the increasing number of medical-based external partnerships the Society is developing.



Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee, chaired by the Society's Membership Manager, met on 16 January. The committee focused its meeting on developing the launch of the new initiative of free membership for undergraduates, being introduced in September 2023.

Publications Committee.

The Publications Committee, chaired by Professor Jayne Woodside, met on 27 January.

The Committee reviewed the latest developments in the Society's six scientific journals, the progress being made with the new textbook for Animal Nutrition and received updates on the further editions being developed for the existing six textbooks.



Advisory Council.

The Society's Advisory Council met with the Society's Trustees on 11 January.

In addition to reporting to the Trustees on progress and developments in their respective portfolios, the Council members debated, and provided valuable input, on two strategic issues: The potential for an 'Affiliate' category of membership; and the introduction of an

Appointments Committee to assist in the Society's election process.

Trustee Board.

The Society's Trustee Board met on 12 January. They approved:

- the introduction of an Appointments Committee,
- a long-term Archive Strategy,
- a draft budget for 2023,
- an Affiliate Membership category.

They also reviewed a proposed Volunteer Management Policy, and the Society's potential involvement in the United Nations Committee on World Food Security. The Trustees also reviewed the progress being made with the Society's strategic plan in Priority Area Three.



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@nutrition society.org