



An Autumn of launches

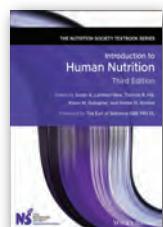
FENS 2019 saw the launch of three new initiatives that the Nutrition Society has been working towards from some time, and we are delighted to be able to share these more widely with the nutrition and dietetic community.

A new Journal on the Gut Microbiome

This new and fully open access journal from The Nutrition Society, published in partnership with Cambridge University Press, will explore the vital interactions between people and the complex community of microorganisms that live in our digestive systems.



The journal, *Gut Microbiome*, will look at the factors that influence this gut microbiota and how they in turn affect our health and development. The journal will publish research on a range of topics, including the role of different diets, pharmaceuticals and probiotics on individuals' microbiome, and the emerging field of research into how the gut microbiome influences the immune and nervous systems. Its aim is to support the development of an integrated, interdisciplinary understanding of the gut microbiome, and is now officially open for submissions. Editor-in-Chief, Professor Kristin Verbeke, University of Leuven, said: "Over the past few decades, we have deciphered the microbiome as a really exciting, intriguing and sometimes mysterious ecosystem. We need robust science and mechanistic information to fully understand the interactions between the microbiota and the host. By publishing high-quality publications in this field, I strongly believe that the journal will be extremely valuable for the scientific community."



The 3rd edition of Introduction to Human Nutrition

The Society's bestselling textbook, *Introduction to Human Nutrition*, has been revised and updated with the 3rd edition launching at the end of November. The textbook aims to provide students and practitioners with a broad knowledge of the discipline, outlining the basic foundations for the study of human nutrition as well as an introduction to food and nutrition policy, with new chapters on phytochemicals and physical activity. For the first time, all figures and diagrams will be published in full colour, with the textbook available to purchase both in print and as an e-book.

The Academy of Nutrition Sciences

The Association for Nutrition, British Dietetic Association, British Nutrition Foundation and the Society launched the Academy of Nutrition Sciences at FENS 2019; a new charitable organisation which aims to provide a powerful and unified voice to promote evidence-based nutrition science.

The Academy builds on long-standing and existing collaboration between the four founding organisations and will act as a joint body for strategic initiatives. The Academy will seek to improve public health and wellbeing and support excellence in research, education and associated activities to advance the knowledge and application of evidence-based nutrition science. President of the Nutrition Society, Professor Julie Lovegrove, said of the Academy: "*The formation of the Academy of Nutrition Sciences is a key step in achieving a clear and consistent voice in evidence-based nutrition, in an often confused landscape. I am delighted that the Nutrition Society will be working together with our colleagues within the Academy to fulfil this ambition and to establish the critical role of nutrition in health.*"

For further details on the Academy, its objectives, and its trustees visit: www.academynutritionsciences.org.uk.

Events Calendar

January

- **9 January, Short Meeting, 09:00-17:00 PM, University of Surrey.** 'Application of stable isotope techniques in human nutrition research'. This 1-day long meeting will highlight recent research using stable isotope tracer techniques, exploring how these have shaped our current understanding of in vivo metabolism. Register online.

February

- **12-14 February, Irish Section Postgraduate Conference 2020, Leopardstown, Ireland.** Designed specifically to provide postgraduate students with a platform to share current research and network with the wider nutrition community. Register online.

March

- **18 March, Statistics for Nutrition Research, NSTA workshop, London.** A one-day practical course covering experimental design, sample size and power calculations.

NSJC - The Journal Club is a one-hour monthly webinar discussion of recent research and free for all members. Register via your membership area.

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Pre-recorded versions of recent NSTA webinars (including on omega-3, sustainable diets, and iodine supplementation) are available to listen to at a variety of different times.