

Institute of
Food Science
+ Technology

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annual highlights

2019-20

The UK's leading professional membership body recognising and supporting those involved in all aspects of food science and technology.

Despite COVID-19 challenges IFST has had an exceptional year operating and delivering much of its outputs virtually. Our thanks go to our members and Corporate Supporters:

M&S · IFIS · Campden BRI · Nutraceuticals

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highlights

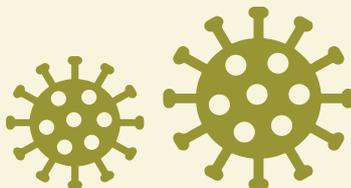
This document sets out our achievements within our five main strategic priorities



Published a new edition of **Handbook of Microbiological Criteria for Foods** and new **food waste Information Statement**



Online delivery of Spring Conference (SC20) with **1800+** attendees from **50+** countries



Launch of **Processing and Innovation Special Interest Groups**



COVID-19 Knowledge Hub launched to consolidate advice, guidance and resources to support individuals, SMEs and larger food businesses

PRIORITY
01

Communications & knowledge sharing. Extend the sharing of relevant accessible food science and technology knowledge amongst members and stakeholder groups.

Planned: podcasts + development of hybrid events once physical events are reintroduced

highlights



Provided independent expertise to shape the **National Food Strategy**



Invited to input into **Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology** horizon scanning



Provided insights on COVID-19 issues to FSA, FSS, Defra and BEIS OPSS



Continuing to engage with **UKRI KTN Food Sector Group** connecting members with funding and innovation opportunities

PRIORITY 02

Engage with key stakeholders.

Using our unique, independent, evidence-based voice to provide valuable insight to key stakeholders on food science and technology topics.

Planned: working more closely with FSA and FSS on strategic priorities

highlights

Significant growth of Register of Food Safety Professionals from **150** to

230+



 **46**
Degree Courses accredited
across 24 universities
in the UK

9 accredited organisations
delivering **IFST Sensory Science Training**



Continuing to working closely with
SALSA to support food safety standards



PRIORITY 03

Professional standards and development. We'll continue to grow our critical role in setting and accrediting professional standards for food scientists and technologists.

Planned: online workshops to promote the value of professional recognition

highlights

4905 members
and non-members participated
in IFST events and conferences



3 new Honorary
Fellows recognised for their
valuable service to IFST

Now up to **43**
active **Group Schemes**



2800+ members



PRIORITY
04

**Membership enrolment,
participation & retention.** Increase
our membership across all categories
and encourage members' participation
to further their career development.

Planned: launch of Project Diamond to
enhance how we engage with our members

highlights



Ecotrophelia competition to design a new sustainable food product held online

Student Career Launchpads reaching 398 undergraduate and MSc students



Continued support for POST Fellow

IFST provides an annual bursary to support a PhD student during three months of research at the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology

195,000+

unique visitor views to our **Love Food Love Science** website



PRIORITY

05

Careers and education support and promotion.

Ensure that new talent continues to enter the food profession and that students, and their learning institutions are engaged with and supported by IFST.

Planned: provide resources to increase attractiveness of food technical careers