CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
(Deadline: 6 January 2019)

4th Agriculture, Nutrition & Health (ANH) Academy Week

The Agriculture, Nutrition & Health (ANH) Academy will hold its fourth Annual Agriculture, Nutrition and Health (ANH) Academy Week from 24 – 28 June 2019 in India (city TBC). We invite the global community of researchers and research users to participate in this event.

The ANH Academy is a global research network of researchers and research users working at the nexus of agriculture and food systems for improved nutrition and health. It is part of the three workstreams of the Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Action (IMMANA) programme. The ANH Academy is jointly coordinated by the Leverhulme Centre on Integrative Research in Agriculture and Health (LCIRAH), IMMANA and CGIAR's Research Program on Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH).

The ANH Academy Week is an annual event to facilitate the sharing of evidence and learning on linkages between agriculture and food systems for improved nutrition and health. It focuses on qualitative and quantitative research to understand how we can leverage agriculture and food system policies and programmes for improved human nutrition and health, taking into account the rapid changes in food systems, their environmental effects, human populations and their food preferences.

The 4th Annual ANH Academy Week programme will feature Learning Labs (training workshops) offered by ANH Academy partners, a Research Conference with invited papers, poster and panel sessions, and many opportunities for networking with other researchers and research users. The call for abstracts for presentations at the Research Conference is open and described below.

For more information on ANH Academy Weeks, you are invited to visit our website (ANH-Academy.org) and to view the reports on our 2016 (pdf) 2017 (pdf) and 2018 meetings in Africa and Asia.

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The ANH Academy invites the submission of abstracts for the Research Conference on research at the nexus of agriculture and food systems, nutrition and health to be held in India from 24 - 28 June 2019 (city TBC). The conference programme will include invited papers for oral presentations of various formats as well as poster sessions. We welcome papers from all relevant disciplines, e.g. economics, nutrition, public health, epidemiology, environmental sciences, agronomy, sociology, anthropology etc.

Key definitions for the purpose of this call:

Nutrition outcomes refer broadly to food consumption trends, food choice behaviours, dietary/feeding patterns, nutrient adequacy of diets, nutritional status (including double burden of malnutrition).

Health outcomes refer to diet-related chronic diseases, mental health, infectious diseases and health conditions associated with agricultural environments and food systems, including zoonoses and anti-microbial resistance, and food safety.

Agriculture and food systems include food production, distribution, processing, trade, marketing; and the resources, systems, stakeholders and institutions involved in these processes.

Nutrition/health pathways include <u>upstream determinants</u> of agriculture and food systems (examples: environment, land-use, ecology, governance, macro-economic policies) and <u>their impacts</u> – socioeconomic, distributional, cultural, agro-ecological, geographical, behavioral etc. – which have implications on nutrition and health outcomes. For instance, these could involve the pathway linking agriculture and food systems, household water security and infectious disease transmission; or the pathways linking food advertising, food cultures, diet quality and diet-related chronic conditions.

Conference themes

1. **Global food system governance and political economy**
   - E.g. Power relations; conflict of interest; accountability; values; incentives; risks for chronic diseases from complex and global food systems

2. **Macro-policy pathways and impacts**
   - E.g. Trade, fiscal and monetary policies; regulations, subsidies, investments; agricultural drivers of chronic disease and double burden of malnutrition etc.

3. **Programme impacts**
   - E.g. Novel policy or interventional impacts of agriculture-food systems on nutrition and health pathways; comparative research across contexts and intervention typologies; innovative causal identification designs

4. **Economic evaluation and financing of multi-sectoral programmes**
   - E.g. Economic decision making among households, public and private sectors; costs, cost-effectiveness, and cost-efficiency of multi-sectoral policies/programmes with multiple consequences; application of costs for national and global strategic planning

5. **Implementation science**
   - E.g. Lessons learnt from designing, implementing and evaluating complex programmes; innovation in implementation science research; trade-offs in complex programme design and evaluation; lessons from what has not worked

6. **Behavioural research**
   - E.g. Motivations, capabilities, incentives, opportunities of individuals (including mental health), households and institutions in prioritising issues with complex outcomes; Drivers of food choice (including private sector); interactions between personal and external food environments

7. **Innovative methods and metrics**
   - E.g. Studying complex systems; tools, methods and metrics in studying nutrition-health pathways in agriculture and food systems; comparative research (how do different metrics on the same topic compare or differ); taking stock of what worked and what did not and identifying gaps in tools, methods and metrics

8. **Big data**
   - E.g. Making sense of 'what data is out there'; application of merging and using big data; taking stock of what worked and what did not

9. **Agriculture, food systems and infectious diseases**
   - E.g. Food safety; land-use change (including urbanisation) and disease spread; agricultural drivers of zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial resistance; health risks of complex and global food systems

10. **Planetary health, environmental effects and sustainability**
    - E.g. Impacts of climate and environmental change on agriculture, nutrition and health, sustainable and healthy diets; impact of global food systems on planetary health

How to submit and submission deadline

Authors should submit abstracts through this Submittable link by **6 January 2019 at 23.59 GMT.** Any queries can be directed to ANH-Academy@LSHTM.ac.uk.

Selection process

The ANH Academy Week Research Conference receives more abstracts than it can accept for oral or poster presentations. Therefore, abstracts will be reviewed by the ANH Academy Week 2019 Scientific Committee and selected on the basis of their scientific quality, originality and relevance to the themes and methods encouraged above. The panel will make a decision on whether an abstract is selected for an oral presentation or a poster session. All poster presenters will have the opportunity to present a one-minute summary of their poster during a Conference plenary session.

To encourage diverse styles of research communication, to accommodate different disciplines and to break up long conference sessions, this year's oral presenters will be encouraged to use different formats. Those invited for oral presentations will be consulted on potential options.

What we are looking for

We will give preference to studies that address truly <u>interdisciplinary</u> questions, capture emerging debates, and contain substantive <u>innovative</u> <u>analytical</u> content relating to nutrition/health pathways in agriculture and food systems.

Please note that we are seeking presentations with a strong cross-cutting focus along the above research themes:

- Results and lessons learned from scientific research, and <u>not</u> research plans
- Studies that use innovative methods or metrics
- Studies that investigate equity concerns
- Studies that did not work ('lessons from failure')

Scientific research from any discipline using a variety of methodological approaches – qualitative, mixed-methods or quantitative methodological approaches – are welcome.

Abstracts must be submitted under one of the themes on pages 2 and 3.

Financial support

The ANH Academy is offering a limited number of bursaries to presenters to contribute towards travel costs and accommodation. Applicants from low-and middle- income countries will be prioritised.

Applications for bursaries will open after the abstracts have been selected for oral and poster presentations. Applicants who express an interest in applying for a bursary will be sent information in early 2019. Please ensure that you register your interest in the final question on the abstract submission page.

Abstracts can be submitted here via [Submittable.](#)