We Have a New Look!

We’ve spruced up our newsletter just in time for spring! Read on for the latest in MIT food and water research, funding, events, and more...

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Staff Spotlight: Jasmine Edo

We are glad to introduce J-WAFS' new financial and program coordinator, Jasmine Edo. Welcome to the team!

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J-WAFS Fellow Grows a Living Water Sensor

Just one year ago, J-WAFS launched our inaugural graduate student fellowship program. Nominated last spring by Prof. Tim Lu in the Department of Biological Engineering, PhD student Tzu-Chieh Tang (Zijay) was selected for the first J-WAFS Fellowship in Water Solutions. In this interview, Zijay shares details about his background and the unique water sensor he is developing that takes its inspiration from living systems found in nature.

Zijay, originally from Taiwan, came to MIT after completing a masters at the Masdar Institute in the United Arab Emerates. He is now a PhD candidate in biological engineering, where he works across disciplines to develop engineered living materials that can sense and respond to environmental stimuli—contaminants in particular—to become living sensors that can both record contaminant levels in water supplies and serve as bioremediation tools.

J-WAFS communications and program manager Andi Sutton interviewed Zijay about his fascinating research area and the path that led him to it.

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The MIT Food and Agriculture Club is seeking current MIT students passionate about food and agriculture to lead annual innovation prize organizing and events team.

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DEADLINE: APR. 30
The Kirchner Group, an agriculture-focused merchant bank, offers fellowships in 2018-2019 for students to learn about impact investing in food and agriculture.

CleanTech Open
DEADLINE: MAY 1
The CleanTech Open Accelerator Program is accepting applicants for the summer program, which provides mentorship, bootcamps, and more.

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The Stockholm Environment Institute is seeking applicants for a Water Program Director and Water Resources Analyst for their US office.

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Our program catalyzes MIT research, innovation, and technology for ensuring safe and resilient supplies of water and food while reducing environmental impact, to meet the local and global needs of a rapidly expanding and evolving population on a changing planet.