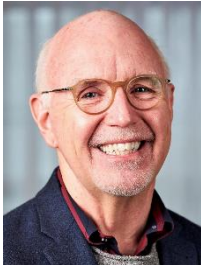


## INVITATION

Within the framework of the Research Excellence and Flagship Research Group Programmes, in collaboration with the MATE Centre for Science Policy and Innovation, we are pleased to invite colleagues and PhD students to attend the following workshop.

**Guest Professor: Mark Robson**, Distinguished Professor, Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education for Rutgers University—New Brunswick and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies



**Short bio:** Mark Robson, Dean and Distinguished Professor of Plant Biology. His research includes the study toxic effects pesticide and exposure reduction in New Jersey and globally. Mark serves on many

national and international health committees. Mark served as the Chair of the Public Health Standing Committee on the NJDEP Science Advisory Board (SAB), and as chair of the NJ Drinking Water Quality Institute. Mark has over 170 peer reviewed papers, numerous book chapters and is the editor of the most widely used textbook in risk assessment for public health. His many honors include a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a Fellow of the Collegium Ramazzini and a Fellow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences. Mark serves as the Editor in several scientific journals.

### Registration:

Event is open, however, please, indicate your interest in an e-mail to the organizing team ([kutatasi.kivalosag@uni-mate.hu](mailto:kutatasi.kivalosag@uni-mate.hu)) by Feb 13, 2026 the latest.

### Workshop topic

**Food: What do we eat? What should we eat?**

#### Moderator:

Pásztor Dr. Huszár Klára, deputy head, Institute of Food Science and Technology, MATE

#### Place:

**On-site:** MATE Buda Campus, 1118 Budapest, Villányi út 29-43., K building, K2 lecture hall

**On-line:** [Meeting link](#)

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026, @11:20am

#### Abstract:

Introductory talk will start with dramatic data about insecure and unhealthy food of mankind. Approximately 673 million to 757 million people in the world faced hunger and undernourishment in 2023–2024, representing about 1 in 11 people globally. Conversely, more than 1 billion people worldwide, or roughly 1 in 8, are now estimated to be living with obesity, according to a 2022 analysis, with rates having tripled since 1975. Beyond chronic undernourishment, roughly 2.33 billion people faced moderate or severe food insecurity in 2023, meaning they lacked regular access to adequate food.

The interactive discussion will focus on the question: how the agrifood sectors (collaborating with other actors and education) can contribute to the availability and promotion of healthy, balanced diet. How can essential and beneficial components of food be delivered to the population while unnecessary or harmful components are effectively excluded?