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[Navigating the challenges of a climate-friendly diet](#)

IPUR and the new [Bezos Centre for Sustainable Protein](#) at NUS held a workshop on 31 January bringing together researchers and experts to explore the future of alternative proteins. Keynote speaker [Dr Michael Siegrist](#), Professor in Consumer Behaviour at the Institute for Environmental Decisions, ETH Zurich, said reducing meat intake is becoming more appealing as technology enhances, enabling the development of improved plant-based options that surpass earlier versions.

Although not an easy sell - food is a big part of people's identity and there are cultural values to consider - education and awareness campaigns need to continue in order to slowly shift public perception and increase acceptance. Dr Siegrist reminded participants that change will not occur overnight and that time will be required to see significant impact.

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Making connections at the Society of Risk Analysis annual conference

"Beyond the Horizon: Strategies for Managing Unseen Risks." This was the theme of the Society for Risk Analysis annual conference where IPUR members [Prof Leonard Lee](#), [Dr Olivia Jensen](#), and [Mr David Reid](#) presented key research projects.

At the conference in Austin, Texas, from December 8-12, 2024, Prof Lee (IPUR Director) presented ongoing work on developing "phenotypes" of individuals to reflect their different needs in risk communication. This research aims to provide guidance for professionals communicating risk information to the public more effectively.

Dr Jensen (IPUR Deputy Director) along with [Dr Leonor Sierra](#) from Sense About Science, presented preliminary findings from the [Risk know-how](#) initiative investigating how public authorities assess their own risk communications. Read more [here](#).





Empowering individuals to manage diabetes more holistically

During the "Mind Over Diabetes" event on 2 November 2024, organised by IPUR and [Diabetes Singapore](#), participants explored how a growth mindset can empower individuals in managing diabetes more holistically. [Prof Leonard Lee](#) (IPUR Director) highlighted key findings from the [Diabetes Perception Report](#) and stressed the importance of addressing both the mental and physical aspects of diabetes. Building on his points, Guest-of-Honour Ms Mariam Jaafar (MP for Sembawang GRC and member of the PAP Mental Health Group Steering Committee) underscored the need for community support in overcoming the stigma associated with diabetes, emphasising how mental resilience can complement effective diabetes management.

Download the Diabetes Perception Report [here](#).

Read more about the event [here](#).

INSIGHTS

New insights on risk perception gaps in Asia

The third report installment of [Project Wavelength](#), revealing how the public in Singapore, South Korea, and China views stakeholder responsibility in managing significant risks, has been published.

The findings highlight where the public sees inadequate attention and action from key stakeholders, including public authorities, private companies, and the media, in addressing risks such as infectious diseases, chronic diseases, data fraud, and mental health issues. In particular, respondents identified mental health as a neglected area across all three countries, revealing a critical gap that requires immediate action. [Access the report](#).

Public engagement programme combining art and data

IPUR is excited to launch [Risk Resonance](#), an innovative public engagement programme aimed at bridging the gap between public perceptions of risk and expert knowledge. Through creative collaborations with art students and established artists, the programme's first pilot project will focus on the relationship between obesity and mental health issues among young adults in Singapore. [Read more](#).

Climate change drives migration: Insights from Vietnam's Mekong Delta

A recent study by [Dr Tra Thi Trinh](#) (IPUR Research Fellow) highlights how climate change is driving migration decisions among farmers in Vietnam's Mekong Delta, one of the most climate-vulnerable regions globally. Using a choice experiment methodology, the study reveals that drought intensity is the most significant factor influencing migration, with prior experiences of drought and floods amplifying these effects. [Find out more](#).