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The primary objective of *New Zealand Science Review* is to inform and stimulate. This thematic issue, which contains the papers presented at the conference on Sustainable Production of Foods and the resulting discussions, amply meets this objective. The New Zealand Association of Scientists congratulates the Sustainable Nutrition Initiative™ research programme at the Riddet Institute and the many authors involved. We also wish to particularly acknowledge our Guest Editor, Dr Nick Smith, for his role in coordinating the presentations and recording the discussion sessions.

Why now and why this topic? As pointed out by Distinguished Professor Harjinder Singh, Director of the Riddet Institute, in welcoming participants to the conference, feeding the still-expanding world population in a sustainable manner is one of the great challenges of our time. Current methods cannot meet the rising demand for food protein and are not sustainable. New Zealand, with its experience in producing high-quality premium foods and innovative approaches, is well placed to make a significant contribution.

Each session of this conference raised a series of fundamental questions and produced a lively debate. Nutrition or nutrients? Animals or plants? Useful or waste outputs? Change the system? This is the essence of science. Hopefully, valuable insights will come and lead to technologies that are both productive and benign. There was a strong emphasis on providing validated information to enable consumers to make wise choices that benefit their health and that of the environment.

New Zealand Association of Scientists is pleased to be able to offer a medium for presenting this exchange of ideas to the wider scientific community and the public at large. Readers may note that video recordings of all talks from the event are available at:

<https://www.riddet.ac.nz/feed-our-future-a-new-zealand-sustainable-food-systems-dialogue-event/>

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