

Agenda DAY 1 TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

- 7:30 - 8:20 am **Registration & Refreshments**
- 8:20 - 8:30 am **Chair's Opening Remarks**
Room A
Kimberly Coffin, Global Technical Director – Supply Chain Assurance, Food Sector, LRQA
- 8:30 - 9:15 am **The Executive Blind Spot: What Leadership Think Is Working in Food Safety vs. What the Plant Floor Knows**
Room A • Panel discussion • Leadership
Moderator: Prasant Prusty, Founder and CEO, Smart Food Safe
Panellists: Howard Popoola, Vice President of Corporate Food Technology and Regulatory Compliance for The Kroger Company
Fabian Smith, Global VP, Global Product Safety, Quality, & Regulatory Compliance, Cargill Agriculture & Trading
Pierre Decrion, VP Quality & Food Safety, Lactalis
Shahram Ajamian, Senior Director Global Quality Governance and Enablement, McCormick
- 9:20 - 9:50 am **The Future of Quality and Food Safety: Automation, Robotics, and Intelligent Inspection**
Room A • Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Operations & Technology
Adeniyi Odugbemi, Global Director of Food Safety Quality and Food Safety CoE, ADM
- 9:55 - 10:25 am **Surviving the Auditocalypse: A Quality Tale from the Audit Trenches**
Room A • Case Study • Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Operations & Technology
Meredith Telander, Regulatory Affairs and Training Manager, Catalyst Nutraceuticals
- Foreign Body Detection: Use of Detection as a Tool to Identify Potential Risks Early**
Room B • Case Study • Quality Assurance & Microbiology
Kerry Fohner, Senior Director QA&FS for Prepared Foods, Wayne Sanderson Farms
- 10:25 - 11:15 am **1-2-1 Meetings & Networking Refreshments**
- 11:15 - 11:45 am **The Invisible Plant Tax: Why Proactive, Collaborative Execution Drives Food Safety and Performance**
Room A • Solution Spotlight • Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Operations & Technology
Noah Logan, Chief Customer Officer, SafetyChain
John Schrock, FSQA Systems Integration Manager, Westrock Coffee
- What Happens on the Shift: Hidden Signals That Predict Preventable Food Safety Incidents**
Room B • Solution Spotlight
Justin Lessard-Wajcer, CEO, Nurau
- 11:50 - 12:20 pm **Cost/Value of Quality, How to Present to Your Leadership**
Room A • Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Operations & Technology
Patricia Asante-Frempong, Senior Food Safety & Quality Assurance Manager, Stella & Chewy's LLC
- The Business of Trust: Turning Food Safety & Quality into ROI for the Senior Leadership**
Room B • Case Study • Leadership
Sagar Mahmood Khan, Advisory Member, FSQ Network

12:20 - 1:20 pm **Networking Lunch & Learn Roundtable:**
Cross Team Collaboration in New Product Development
Moderator: Paul Bradley, Senior Director of Product Marketing, Tracegains
Poster competition Voting: Exhibition hall

1:20 - 1:50 pm **Foreign Material Contamination: From Response to Remediation**
Room A • Solution Spotlight • Safety, Compliance & RA
Kurt Westmoreland, Chief Commercial Officer, FlexXray
Continuous Supplier Intelligence: Scoring Risk for Scaled Networks
Room B • Solution Spotlight • Quality Assurance & Microbiology
Kevin Davies, CRO, Provision

1:55 - 2:25 pm **Food Safety and Quality Controls as Part of an ERP Digital Transformation Journey**
Room A • Case Study • Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Operations & Technology
Melanie Braam, Senior Director of Quality & Sanitation, Palermo's Pizza
Adapting Statistical Process Control to Food Safety: Starting With Salmonella in Broiler Processing
Room B • Case Study • Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Operations & Technology
Matt Stasiewicz, Associate Professor of Applied Food Safety Dept. of Food Science & Human Nutrition, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2:25 - 3:15 pm **1-2-1 Meetings & Networking Refreshments**

3:15 - 3:45 pm **Reshaping the Food Industry for the 21st Century**
Room A • Solution Spotlight • Quality Assurance & Microbiology
Carl-Emil Grøn Fuglesang, CEO and Co-Founder, Reshape
From Compliance to Competitive Edge: How Digital Food Safety Systems Eliminate Risk and Boost Operational Performance
Room B • Solution Spotlight • Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Operations & Technology
Tanguy Etoga, Founder & CEO, NORMEX

3:50 - 4:20 pm **Closing the Gaps: Identifying Critical Process Touchpoints That Make or Break Food Safety**
Room A • Case Study • Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Operations & Technology
Michael Ciepiela, VP of Quality and Continuous Improvement, Southern Specialities

4:20 - 4:50 pm **Nanozone: Ozonated Nanobubble Water System as a Pathogens Kill Step in Food Safety**
Room A • Keynote • Quality Assurance & Microbiology
Al Baroudi, Vice President, QA & Food Safety, The Cheesecake Factory

4:50 - 5:05 p m **Chair's Closing Remarks**
Room A
The Winner of the Poster Award will be announced during the closing remarks
Kimberly Coffin, Global Technical Director – Supply Chain Assurance, Food Sector, LRQA

5:05 - 6:05 pm **Evening Drinks**
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Agenda DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

8:15 - 8:45 am Registration & Refreshments

8:45 - 8:55 am Chair's Opening Remarks

Room A

Kimberly Coffin, Global Technical Director – Supply Chain Assurance, Food Sector, LRQA

8:55 - 9:25 am AI, Biosensors, and Beyond: The Future of Food Safety Leadership

Room A • Keynote • Leadership

Dom Mital, Vice President of Food Safety, Quality & Regulatory, Goldbergs Group

9:30 - 10:00 am Chemical Contaminants, A Food Safety Hazard to Take As Seriously as Physical or Microbiological Hazards

Room A • Case Study • Safety, Compliance & RA

Fabien Robert, Global Nestle Quality Assurance Center Head, Nestle

Supplier Relations and Complaint Management

Room B • Case Study • Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Operations & Technology

Sonal Singh, Senior Manager, Quality Assurance and Food Safety, AMI Group

10:05 - 10:35 am Training as a Preventive Control: From Compliance to Competency

Room A • Solution Spotlight • Quality Assurance & Microbiology

Mike Burica, Chief Commercial Officer, WorkForge

10:35 - 11:25 am 1-2-1 Meetings & Networking Refreshments

11:25 - 11:55 am Roundtable discussions Room A

Roundtable A • AI in food safety risk assessment, current and future

Govind Kumar, University of Georgia

Roundtable B • Traceability in the Food Supply Chain

Sonal Singh, AMI Group

Roundtable C • The Changing Role of Food Safety & Quality Personnel

Wumi Yusuff, Senior Director, Food Safety, Ferrara

Roundtable D • Retaining and upskilling safety & quality staff

Sonny Brar, Senior Vice President, Quality Assurance and Occupational Health & Safety, Upper Crust

Roundtable E • Harmonization of Global Food Safety and Regulatory Standards

Azmina Lalani, Rustica Foods

12:00 - 12:30 am AI in Food Safety Risk Assessment, Current and Future

Room A • Case Study • Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Operations & Technology

Govindaraj Kumar, Associate Professor – Center for Food Safety, University of Georgia

Fostering a Food Safety Culture

Room B • Case Study • Leadership

Allison Miller, DBA, Director, Food Safety & Quality Assurance, Aspire Bakeries

12:35 - 1:05 am **Beyond Dashboards: Leadership Lessons in Risk-Based Quality**

Room A • Case Study • Leadership

Campbell Mitchell, Head of Food Safety & Compliance, Kraft Heinz

Biofilms and Sanitary Design: Preventing Hidden Risks in Food Manufacturing

Room B • Case Study • Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Operations & Technology

Michelle Brydalski, Senior Director of Quality, The Marzetti Company

1:05 - 2:05 pm **Networking Lunch**

2:05 - 2:35 pm **Lessons Learned in Foreign Material Program Management:
A Ready-To-Eat Meat Processors Perspective**

Room A • Keynote • Quality Assurance & Microbiology

Matt Henderson, Vice President of Technical Services, Land O'Frost

2:40 - 3:10 pm **Transforming Food Safety with AI Tools**

Room A • Case Study • Quality Assurance & Microbiology

Sonny Brar, Senior Vice President Quality Assurance and Occupational Health & Safety, Upper Crust

FSMA 204 & Food Traceability Modernization – Industry challenges

Room B • Case Study • Manufacturing, Supply Chain, Operations & Technology

Azmina Lalani, Director Food Safety, Quality and Regulatory, Rustica Foods

3:15 - 3:45 pm **Navigating the Global Regulatory Landscape
of Ultra-Processed Foods**

Room A • Case Study • Quality Assurance & Microbiology

Ashley Giovinazzo, Senior Manager, Regulatory, Ferrara

3:50 - 4:20 pm **Food Safety Globalization in the Age of AI**

Room A • Keynote • Leadership

Juan De Leon, Senior Director-Global Food Safety, Restaurant Brands International

4:20 - 4:25 pm **Chair's Closing Remarks & End of Conference**

Room A

Kimberly Coffin, Global Technical Director – Supply Chain Assurance, Food Sector, LRQA