



BFFF Technical Seminar 22nd February 2018

Full Programme



09:00 Registration / Refreshments

09:30 Introduction to today's event

Vince Craig, Director, Meadowbrae Technical Services

SESSION 1

'Regulatory Impacts for the Future including Brexit implications'

09:35 Preparing the ground for Brexit

Julie Robinson, Partner, Roythornes Ltd

Julie will bring attendees up to date on the latest developments regarding Brexit and how this may affect FBOs in the future. She will concentrate on the practical steps they can take from what we know now and to help with what we don't yet know- but when we might know!

09:50 Regulating our future – the food safety regime after Brexit

Rod Ainsworth, Director of Regulatory and Legal Strategy, Food Standards Agency

Rod will cover how the food regulation landscape will change after we leave the EU. The new approach will be based partly on self-assurance and attendees will be given advice on how to prepare and contribute to the development of the new regime.

10:10 What are the priorities for Scotland?

Elsbeth Macdonald, Deputy Chief Executive, Food Standards Scotland

Elsbeth will cover some of the priorities for Scotland in both the regulatory space but in other items on the agenda today e.g. Obesity Strategy. Looking forward she will explain the fact based rationale for these differences and whether the food landscape in Scotland is increasingly different to the rest of the UK.

10:30 The new Primary Authority Scheme – opportunities for businesses

Erica Sheward, Assistant Director, Regulatory Delivery, BEIS

Erica will explain how Primary Authority is evolving and how it will add even more value for businesses to trade with confidence. She will use the BFFF coordinated partnership experience to explain what has changed and the next steps in its evolution for members.

10:45 Panel Discussion

11:00 Refreshments & Exhibition

SESSION 2

'Risk Management including Fraud mitigation measures'

11:25 What is fraud?

Eoghan Daly, Manager Forensic and Counter Fraud Services, Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP

Eoghan will present on why fraud is important to FBOs and why a HACCP based approach does not work for all businesses and all types of fraud. With a focus on practical examples he will advise on how businesses can use counter fraud techniques to further protect themselves from risk.

11:40 The identification of practical food fraud

Brendan McIntyre, Technical Manager, Flagship Europe
Brendan will be covering his view of the motivation and identification of food fraud/examples across different food sectors and preventative techniques aimed at SMEs.

11:55 The opportunities for software systems to help fight food risks

Stephen Whyte, Managing Director, Qadex

Stephen will cover how the risks associated with food are often interrelated. Taking a holistic approach and exploring the different practical solutions available will provide members with a toolkit suitable for different types of business.

12:10 A review of risk management techniques

Martin Ford, Technical Director Food-to-Go, Greencore

Martin will explain some of the techniques used by Greencore to ensure the safety and authenticity of the foods they produce. This will include an explanation of the how the FIIN (Food Industry Information Network) is being used in a collaborative way to horizon scan and manage risk.

12:30 Panel Discussion

Seminar will take place at the Birmingham Hilton Metropole, Pendigo Way, Birmingham B40 1PP



SESSION 3

‘Practical Emerging Science and the Where Next?’

12:45 Innovation in freezing

Beny Bruggeman, Food Cryo Application Manager, **Air Liquide**

Beny will cover practical examples of how cryo freezing applications have innovatively met the needs of the customers and end users, focusing upon key drivers currently evident in the market place today: Quality, Hygiene, Sustainability, Efficiency.

13:00 Practical uses of whole genome sequencing

Dr Edward Haynes, Molecular Biologist, **FERA Science**

Whole genome sequencing is an emerging technique with great potential for the food sector. Dr Edward Haynes will explain the different applications for whole genome sequencing and some of the caveats for the technique based on differing approaches in both the USA and the UK.

13:15 How can emerging technology and expert knowledge improve future food safety and quality measures?

Matthew Sharman, Director and Lead Expert in Food Safety & Quality, **Sharman Scientific**

Matthew Sharman has many years’ experience in laboratory analysis of food products. He will cover the emerging systems of testing e.g. handheld devices and real time measurements. The benefits and challenges of new technology to the food industry including the increasing sensitivity conundrum and better use of meta(data).

13.30 Lunch / Networking / Exhibition

14.10 Sugar reduction and reformulation – successes to date and next steps

Victoria Targett, Team Leader - Sugar Reduction, **Public Health England**

Victoria will outline the achievements to date through Public Health England’s sugar reduction programme. She will also focus on the next steps for sugar reduction and the elements that make up the wider reformulation programme including calories, salt and saturated fat.

14.25 Technical solutions for nutrient reduction

Chris Wells, Managing Director, **Leatherhead Research Ltd**

Chris will cover how ingredient and technical solutions can help a nutrient reduction programme within product innovation. How far these techniques can help achieve tighter and tighter limits in the future will also be discussed.

14.40 Panel Discussion

Technical Seminar Key Note Speaker:

14.55 The Future of Food

Laura Sandys, Deputy Chair, **Food Standards Agency**

Laura has recently been appointed the Deputy Chair of the Food Standards Agency. She will give us an insight into the areas of change we all face as food partners, the new roles we have and the risk opportunities the new landscape presents both to the agency and to food business operators.

15.25 Chair’s Closing Remarks: What do your Board need to know from today?

15.30 Refreshments

15.45 Join Business Conference for Key Note Speaker Dame Kelly Holmes

16.30 Close