

## **HACCP 2007**

### **Brooklands Hotel, Barnsley**

#### **Held in conjunction with Highfield and RIPH**

Nearly 120 people attended the HACCP conference and exhibition on 1<sup>st</sup> October to hear a wide range of speakers present their papers on HACCP, which remains an essential requirement for all food businesses. The event provided an ideal opportunity for delegates to hear presentations covering, Inspection Systems, ISO 22000, Industry and Retail perspectives, Training, Allergens and an FSA update.

The associated exhibition with 3M, Altech Software, BioCote, BSI, CIEH, Comark, Eclipse Magnets, ETI, Gael, Highfield, Pestfree, RIPH, RSSL, and Birmingham University provided delegates with an extensive range of services and products which could support their HACCP activities.

The opening conference paper was given by Jacqui Slatter of SAI Global EFSIS, who outlined the pros and cons of HACCP certification, and the various standards that are available. David Highton of BSI presented the second paper on "ISO 22000 – So Much More Than HACCP" and its initial reception and uptake by their worldwide clients. Stuart Millington of Greggs outlined the unique situation Greggs are in with control over the whole process from manufacture to sale, and Peter Mather of Sainsbury's asked the question "What's in it for Retail", and questioned whether one size fits all, whilst it was still proving difficult to get the basics right in some areas.

Adelle Adams of Adelle Adams Associates finished the morning session with a paper on HACCP Training and the choices that are available for companies that require assistance and accreditation of their people and activities. HACCP and Allergens was the first afternoon paper and was presented by Dorothy Cullinane of Cullinane Associates, who outlined the specific approach needed to address Allergens in a HACCP system. Samantha Hanna of the FSA closed the day's conference with a paper entitled Safer Food, Better Business – Progress and Update, which took delegates through the process so far, and covered the programme, product set, support package and the feedback on success so far.

The Society wishes to thank our partners, our exhibitors and the delegates for their participation in the day, and from the feedback received to date, the day has proved useful and informative to most attendees, which is an excellent indicator of the success of the day.