The Society of
Food Hygiene ®
and Technology

HORIZON SCANNING
FUTURE & FORESIGHT
ONE DAY CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION
ON 5TH MAY 2016 AT HOLIDAY INN, HIGH WYCOMBE

Programme

A one-day conference and exhibition addressing and identifying the risks that the food industry could be facing and how we tackle these and stay abreast of emerging food safety issues.

A key event for those responsible for ensuring food safety, quality, integrity and compliance across all sectors of the food industry.

A valuable opportunity to network with and learn directly from experts and professionals, to discuss and debate on the live issues whilst understanding the solutions available to us.

A range of companies will be exhibiting to support the day.

08.45 - 09.30	Registration and Exhibition

09.30 - 09.40	SOFHT Chairman's Introduction

09.40 - 10.15   **Horizon Scanning—What Next for the Industry?** – Neil Griffiths, SGS Ashby Ltd

Neil will introduce a new Horizon Scanning Tool designed to help the food and consumer product industry. Part of SGS's *eVision* supply chain software package, *Horizon Scan* gives daily updates on recalls, new legislation, corporate responsibility issues, new methods and technology, news articles, food safety, government papers, authenticity and upcoming issues. Neil will then give an overview of what are currently, in his view, the most important items on the horizon for the food industry taken from the last few months of this comprehensive service.

10.15 - 10.50   **Practical Due Diligence for Emerging Issues** - Sukh Gill, Propportunity® Due Diligence Services

As the knowledge of risks posed by the chemical safety of foods increases, food business operators need to be increasingly vigilant and agile to manage these risks in their supply chains. Sukh will highlight some of the key areas of risk and present some practical approaches for early identification, management and mitigation of the commercial impacts of such emerging issues.

10.50 - 11.05   Q & A

11.00 - 11.30	Morning Break & Exhibition

11.05 - 11.40   Dawn Welham, SAI Global
Synopsis to follow.

11.40 - 12.15   **Prevention through Prediction: Horizon Scanning and Predictive Analysis—** Jude Mason, NSF International

The phenomenon of accelerated change in technology, communications and many other areas, combined with globalisation and an increasing number of disruptive events with extensive implications, mean that the issues facing food businesses and their supply chains today are numerous, complex, fast moving and sometimes hard to predict. Horizon scanning and predictive analytics have become important tools to help businesses understand and prioritise the issues and use the information proactively to build resilience and capitalise on opportunities.

Horizon scanning has many different benefits across the organisation including strategy and policy planning, risk mitigation, innovation and new product development, competitive advantage, resource management and more.

Jude explains how these techniques work, the benefits they bring, and shows how businesses can develop and operate within a strategic framework that enables a systematic and more effective approach to food safety and brand protection.

12.15 - 12.30   Q & A

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| 12.30 - 13.45 | Lunch & Exhibition |

13.45 - 14.20 — **Food Forensics: Testing; Why? When? & How Often? –** Alison Johnson, Food Forensics

Looking for the "right" balance between testing and cost is challenging; setting technical requirements head to head with commercial drivers. By looking backwards – What are you looking to achieve? How are you going to use the results? Helps to guide when to test and when not to test. The outcomes of some different approaches will be used as examples.

14.20– 14.55 — **The Use of strategic Foresight to Tackle Emerging Issues** — Fiona Lickorish, Cranfield Institute for Resilient Futures

In this session Fiona Lickorish (Cranfield University) will explore ways in which strategic foresight can be used to tackle emerging issues for the food industry. During this session, Fiona will explain and explore the method of horizon scanning; describing the process for the technique, and how it can be used to identify emerging issues. Whilst the method can be applied to all sectors, during this session horizon scanning will be presented as applied to the food sector. Fiona will present some new and developing topics and technologies, which offer potential risks and opportunities for the food sector. Finally, in an open discussion, Fiona will take questions and offer insights on how the technique can be utilised by food industry professionals.

14.55 - 15.10 — Q&A

| 15.10 - 15.30 | Roundup and Close |

Exhibitors include: