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BRCGS announces inaugural Food Safety (Europe) Award winners

BRCGS' inaugural Food Safety (Europe) Awards were announced as part of the organisation's annual Food Safety Europe conference held on 12 February 2020 in London.

The awards recognise individuals and organisations who are committed to developing the BRCGS certification scheme and the wider food safety industry in the EMEA markets.

AWARD CATEGORIES AND WINNERS

BRCGS Approved Training Partner and Consultant of the Year

Emma West
General Manager
FoodChain ID Certification Limited

BRCGS Auditor of the Year – Individual

Gary Whatmore
Lead Auditor
NSF Certification UK Ltd

BRCGS Certification Body of the Year

FoodChain ID Certification Limited

BRCGS Certificated Site of the Year

Billington Foodservice Ltd

BRCGS Professional of the Year

Sookreeta Seetohul
Technical Manager
Jakemans Confectioner Ltd

Mark Proctor, CEO of BRCGS, said: *'The BRCGS Food Safety (Europe) Awards programme is committed to recognising individuals and corporations who strive for excellence in food safety standards. BRCGS' vision is to be the global leader of supply chain brand protection solutions and partnering with these highly talented individuals and corporations will help us achieve our vision.'*

Emma West, General Manager and Approved Training Partner at FoodChain ID, said: *'I'm delighted to have won the award for BRCGS ATP of the year – it wouldn't have been possible without my wonderful team. I can't wait to work with more exceptional delegates throughout 2020.'*

Gary Whatmore, Lead Auditor at NSF Certification UK Ltd, said: *'To be recognised for this award by BRCGS and my employers is a superb achievement. Having served the packaging industry in quality assurance and as an auditor, the award has made me very proud personally and my goal is to continue providing our clients with a continuing level of committed service to coincide with ever-changing developments to packaging globally.'*

Chetan Parmar, Managing Director of Europe and Asia at FoodChain ID, said: *'The team at FoodChain ID work so hard and thoroughly deserve their success. We are so pleased with this award and looking forward to what we can accomplish this year.'*

Kevin Tetley, Technical Director at Billington Foodservice Ltd, said: *'It's such a pleasure to have won the BRCGS Certificated Site of the Year Award 2020 and for our Senior Technical Management Team to have been present to accept the award at the Food Safety Europe conference. The award goes a long way to recognising and celebrating all the hard work that goes on across our Bakery and Kitchen sites on a daily basis to drive high standards and develop innovative continuous improvement solutions. BRCGS is at the heart of our culture and supports our reputation in the industry for excellent product integrity. It was such a proud moment to hear the news of our success.'*

Sookreeta Seetohul, Technical Manager at Jakemans Confectioner Ltd, said: *'The BRCGS Professional of the Year Award is such a great honour. To have my competencies recognised by the BRCGS Academy, an institution that is seen as the benchmark for best practice in the food industry, is just amazing! This award will certainly help boost my motivation and commitment towards food safety and face emerging challenges with more confidence.'*

BRCGS' flagship conferences, Food Safety Europe and Food Safety Americas are run annually in their respective regions in order to bring together the sector and lead in the development of consumer and food safety.

The one-day conference in Europe delivers valuable insights and high-level, constructive knowledgeshare designed specifically to improve European food safety management in retail, food service and manufacturing environments.

For the first time in 2020, the three-day conference in the Americas region will bring together BRCGS' flagship food safety conference and the BRCGS Delivery Partners stream.

Notes to Editors

About BRCGS

At BRCGS, we champion the highest quality. Improving trust in supply chains, through rigorous application of our Standards, we deliver products and services with global relevance and industry expertise. BRCGS is the trusted validation that strengthens Brand, Reputation through Compliance.

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