

**Name:**

María Scotta

Country:

Argentina

Company:

Gastaldi Hnos Company

Job Title:

Quality Manager

Tell us a bit about yourself...

I am a chemical engineer and I am currently in charge of the Management System at the Gastaldi Hnos Company located in General Deheza, Córdoba, Argentina. Since 2009 Gastaldi's Peanut Plant has been certified with BRCGS, being the first Argentinean Peanut Plant certified to this standard. Since then, we have continuously maintained the certification, adapting to the challenges that are presented to us.

Why did you join the BRCGS Professional Programme?

I needed to reinforce my knowledge to improve the interpretation of the Standard and thus achieve its successful implementation.

What value do you personally feel the BRCGS Professional certification brings to you?

For me it means reliability and security. The BRCGS Standard has been a constant challenge towards continuous improvement throughout my 15 years of work in the area. Having achieved this recognition fills me with pride, both personally and as a member of the company team where I work. This means that we are on the right track, and always proactive with the changes and challenges that are presented to us.

How has the training helped improve operations at your site/company?

This certification allows me to lead the food safety team with more clarity and safety due to a comprehensive understanding of the BRCGS requirements.

What did you most enjoy about the training?

I completed most of the programme with my work team through in-house company training sessions, which I really liked because we were able to see things together that we did not see or interpreted differently on a day-to-day basis. The dynamism, clarity and professionalism of our instructor, Federico Sanchez, was undoubtedly an incentive to carry out this programme.

What are you most looking forward to within the Professional community?

I am looking forward to networking events.

How do you plan to keep your skills up to date?

I plan to keep up to date by following all BRCGS updates, accessing further training courses for my professional and scientific development, and through the BRCGS PPP system.

What are your career ambitions/aims?

To continue leading my team to achieve increasingly optimal results. This will achieve a brand distinction based on the culture of safety and the commitment assumed. Also, to implement the Professional Programme for the rest of my team.