



Conference Agenda

Tuesday 13 October 2026

07:45-08:30 **Coffee & Registration**

08:30-08:40 **Welcome Address**

Chair: Gillian Kelleher, BRCGS International Advisory Board Chair & Mike Wilson, Managing Director



08:40-09:05 **Risk Assessments in the Real World**

Speakers: Gordon Hayburn, VPFSQA



09:05-09:30 **Food Crime Prevention – Risks, Trends and Resources**

Speaker: TBC

09:30-09:50 **Thought Leader Session:**

Speaker: TBC

09:50-10:35 **PANEL: Horizon Scanning - Emerging risks**

Speaker: Steven Mandernach, Executive Director



10:35-10:40 **Video Thought Leader:**

10:40-11:10 **Networking Break and Exhibition**

11:10-11:20 **BRCGS Awards Ceremony - Part 1**



11:20-11:45 **Future of Auditing - Resources and Young Professionals**

Speaker: Clint Stevenson, Professor of Food Science



11:45-12:10 **The changes to legislation on Listeria**

Speaker: Sanjay Gummalla, Senior Vice President, Food Safety and Scientific Affairs



12:10-12:25 **Thought Leader Session: Maximizing Value Through Product Inspection
Reducing Waste and Enhancing Quality Across Production**

Speaker: Robert Rogers, senior advisor for food safety and regulation





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12:25-13:10

PANEL: IAB Industry Panel

Speakers: Tom Ford, Vice President, Food Safety and Quality Assurance
Rodger Ziolkowski, VP Global Food Safety and Quality
Sharon Birkett, VP Global Quality Operations

13:10-13:15

Video Thought Leader:

13:15-14:25

Networking Lunch and Exhibition

14:25-14:35

BRCGS Awards Ceremony - Part 2

14:35-15:00

You Own It. They Shape It. Now What? Closing the Leadership Gap in Food Safety Culture

Speaker: Tia Glave, President + Co-Founder & Jill Stuber, President + Co-Founder

15:00-15:45

Panel: Not Just a Checklist: Building a Living Food Safety Culture Through Leadership

Speaker: Vanessa Coffman, Director of the Alliance to Stop Foodborne Illness
Jorge Hernandez, VP Quality Assurance

15:45-16:20

Networking Break and Exhibition

16:20-16:35

Improve Safety with Consumer Products Certification - An update on BRCGS Consumer Products i5

Speaker: Gwenda Jarrett, Non-Food Programme Manager & Angela O'Donovan, Head of Standards

16:35-17:00

AI & Predictive Food Safety & Quality

Speaker: Hillari Bynum, Director of Marketing & Innovation

17:00-17:40

Panel: What Keeps You Up At Night

Speakers: Steven Mandernach, Executive Director

17:40-17:45

Closing Remarks

Chair: Gillian Kelleher, BRCGS International Advisory Board Chair

18:30-21:00

Evening Networking Drinks





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Masterclass Agenda

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07:30-08:15 **Breakfast Masterclass: BRCGS Consumer Products i5 – The Big Picture**
Chair: Gwenda Jarrett, Non-Food Programme Manager & Angela O’Donovan, Head of Standards



08:00-08:30 **Arrival Coffee**

08:30-10:00 **OPTION 1 Accidents, Attackers, and Adulterators: Addressing HACCP, TACCP, & VACCP Assessments**

Hosts: Gordon Hayburn, VPFSQA
Nadia Narine, President/CEO, Approved BRCGS Trainer and Consultant



08:30-10:00 **OPTION 2 Change Management and Effective Communication Strategy**

Host: Goranka Platisa, Director -FSQ Consultant & Trainer
Rajko Platisa, Food Safety Compliance Consultant & Trainer



10:00-10:30 **Networking break**

10:30-12:00 **OPTION 1 What AI will really break (and fix) in food compliance**

Host: Siska Lannoo, founder of backbone



10:30-12:00 **OPTION 2 Beyond the Checklist: Food Safety & Quality Culture**

Hosts: Kris Middleton, Business Unit Director - Food and Forestry
Barry Meikle, Technical Manager – Food



Midday **BRCGS Connect Event Close**



Delivery Partners Session Agenda

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NOTE: This is a closed session for BRCGS approved training providers and certification bodies only

- 13:00-13:05 **Welcome Address**
Jessica Burke, Senior Strategic Account Manager
- 13:05-13:20 **Setting the Scene and Business Updates**
Mike Wilson, Business Director
- 13:20-13:50 **Standards: The Latest Updates and Insights**
Angela O'Donovan, Head of Standards
- 13:50-14:20 **GFSI Benchmark Update: Review and Impact**
Anna Malek-Woznica, Head of Integrity & Quality
- 14:20-14:50 **Academy Workshop - The Power of Mentorship**
TBC
- 14:50-15:20 **Networking Break**
- 15:20-15:50 **Auditor Calibration Check-In: Insights, Q&A & What's Next**
Panel host: Jessica Burke, Senior Strategic Account Manager
Sara Dias, Head of BRCGS Academy
Anna Malek-Woznica, Head of Integrity & Quality
Mercè Sánchez, Food Programme Manager
- 15:50-16:20 **Responsible Use of AI: Policy, Risks & Value**
TBC
- 16:20-16:50 **CPi5 launch**
Gwenda Jarrett, Non-Food Programme Manager
- 16:50-17:20 **Ask BRCGS Anything: An Open Q&A**
Session host: Jessica Burke, Senior Strategic Account Manager
- 17:20-17:30 **Closing Remarks**
Jessica Burke, Senior Strategic Account Manager