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Updated: Lord Henley will be giving a keynote speech and we have an updated programme for the conference. Please register for your place now.

[Lord Henley](#), Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy will be giving a keynote speech at the 2018 Government Chemist conference. The conference will be opened by the Government Chemist, and will focus on the challenges presented to the resilience of the food chain, in terms of food safety, security, authenticity and sustainability, especially as trading conditions and regulations evolve.

Conference programme – Day 1

- Welcome and introduction – Government Chemist
- Referee cases outcomes – Michael Walker, LGC
- Application of whole genome sequencing for public health interventions around foodborne pathogens – Kathie Grant, PHE England
- Keynote speech – Lord Henley, BEIS
- The role of Public Analysts in ensuring food chain resilience – Jon Griffin, Association of Public Analysts
- Regulating our future – modernising food regulation in the UK – Catriona Stewart, FSA
- The European Commission Knowledge Centre for Food Fraud and Quality – Franz Ultberth, JRC
- The Scottish Food Crime Unit: how FSS is using science to verify the authenticity of the food chain in Scotland – Lynsey Scullion and Duncan Smith, Food Standards Scotland
- Road map for the harmonisation of DNA testing for meat speciation – Tim Wilkes, LGC

- TBC – James Donarski, FERA

Conference programme – Day 2

- Are your genes to blame when your jeans don't fit? – Giles Yeo, Cambridge University
- How the food industry is preparing for EU exit – Helen Munday, Food and Drink Federation
- Food Safety Challenge – Hong Kong Perspective – Tom NG, Hong Kong Government Chemist Laboratory
- Antimicrobial resistance – Jim Huggett, LGC
- The Hand That Feeds: A musical about food crime – Kate Cooper, Birmingham City Council
- Early warning systems to detect, predict and assess food fraud – Yamine Bouzembrak, RIKILT
- Authenticity tools for detecting food fraud – Selvarani Elahi, LGC
- Accelerating rice improvement in South Asia – Katherine Steele, Bangor University

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