

Safe food for tomorrow's world – 2020 Conference programme



A message from [Julian Braybrook](#), the Government Chemist:

I have been monitoring the situation regarding COVID-19 carefully and am committed to the precautions we as a country must take to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Following the recent further government restrictions, I have taken the decision to postpone the Government Chemist Conference to June 2021. These are exceptional times requiring nationwide compliance.

All speakers, sponsorships and registrations will be transferred to the new schedule. I will provide a further update on specific dates over the coming months.

The programme, now transferred to 2021, is in development but will closely resemble the programme detailed below.

The conference will be opened by [Professor Gideon Henderson](#), Chief Scientific Advisor at the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

The conference will take place at

Royal Society of Chemistry
Burlington House, Piccadilly
London, W1J 0BA

Conference programme (in progress)

Day 1

- Welcome address by the Government Chemist, [Julian Braybrook](#)
- Keynote lecture – Gideon Henderson, CSA, Defra
- Referee cases outcomes- [Dr Michael Walker](#), LGC
- Food crime – Darren Davies, Food Crime Unit

- Implications of digital technology on enforcement, compliance, policy and legislation – Julie Pierce, FSA
- TBC – Geoff Ogle, FSS
- DEEP Dive – Defra
- The Public Analyst Service – the Future – Jane White, Association of Public Analysts
- US Perspectives on Harnessing Measurement Science to Advance Food Safety – Katrice Lipka, NIST

Day 2

- TBC – Ian Young, Queen University Belfast
- Current perspectives on food toxicology- Stella Cochrane, Unilever
- Proteins for allergens – Milena Quaglia, LGC
- Genetically Modified Organisms – Malcolm Burns, LGC
- Food authenticity- Simon Kelly, IAEA
- TBC – Edward Haynes, Fera
- TBC – Dusty Vyas, LGC
- Sustainable Chemistry – Tom Welton, Royal Society of Chemistry
- Desirability and plausibility of meat alternatives – Barbara van Mierlo, Wageningen UR
- Food contact materials – emerging issues – Tony Lord, Smithers
- International perspective in food sustainability issues- Della Sin, Hong Kong Government Laboratory

On 26 June, immediately following the Government Chemist conference, representatives from National Measurement Institutes worldwide will meet to identify common areas of interest in future food measurement science and discuss how they could be addressed globally. This is a metrology focused event, open to attendants to the conference.

Download the conference programme and workshop information

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The Government Chemist has been postponed until 2021. Note from the Government Chemist added.

2. 17 March 2020

COVID-19 information added

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