

Bezos Centre for Sustainable Protein 2026 Annual Conference at the QEII

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| Day 1: March 2 nd | Time |
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| Registration and Networking | 8:30 |
| Welcome Prof Rodrigo Ledesma-Amaro , Director, Bezos Centre for Sustainable Protein & Microbial Food Hub, Professor of Engineering Biology, Imperial College London Prof Hugh Brady , President, Imperial College London Dr Andy Jarvis , Director of Future Food, Bezos Earth Fund | 9:30 |
| Panel: Global Insights - The Future Food Frontier Chair: Andy Jarvis , Director Future Food, Bezos Earth Fund Dr Luz Maria De Regil , Director Nutrition and Food Safety, World Health Organisation (WHO) Dr Lynnette Neufeld , Director Food and Nutrition Division, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Roderick Saper , Director of University R&D Innovation at WorldTradeX, Executive Director at NEU Reach | 10:10 |
| Coffee | 10:40 |
| Short Talks: Leveraging Enabling Technologies Prof Paul Freemont , Professor of Structural & Synthetic Biology, Vice-Director of the Bezos Centre for Sustainable Protein, Imperial College London Prof Dame Julia King , The Baroness Brown of Cambridge, House of Lords Dr Lucy Colwell , Research Scientist, Google | 11:20 |
| Panel: Leveraging Enabling Technologies - Getting the Foundations Right Chair: Dr David Bryant , Senior Research Fellow at IBERS, Aberystwyth University Prof Chris Chuck , Technical Lead, The Clean Food Group and Professor in Bioprocess Engineering, University of Bath Dr Izzy Webb , Director for Technology, Strategy & Security, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) Dr Isabel Garcia Perez , Associate Professor in Precision and Systems Medicine, Imperial College London Dr Leandro Buchmann , Head of Bioprocessing, Bühler Group | 12:20 |
| Message from our Sponsor eCyteBio (Day 1 Lunch Sponsor) | 12:50 |

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| Lunch | 13:00 |
| Short Talks: Fermenting our Future Food Prof Rodrigo Ledesma-Amaro , Director, Bezos Centre for Sustainable Protein & Microbial Food Hub, Professor of Engineering Biology, Imperial College London Dr Wen Shan Yew , Associate Professor & Head of Biochemistry, National University of Singapore Dr Pia Sørensen , Senior Preceptor in Chemical Engineering and Applied Materials, Harvard University Dr Shintaro Iwatani , Corporate Executive, General Manager, Research & Business Planning Department, Ajinomoto | 14:20 |
| Coffee | 15:40 |
| Panel: Fermenting our Future Food Chair: Prof Dimitris Charalampopoulos , Professor of Food Biotechnology, University of Reading, Vice-Director of the Microbial Food Hub Dr Barbara Navé , Senior Scientist & Project Lead, BASF Dr André Canelas , Senior R&D Manager Fermentation, Lesaffre International Prof Morten Sommer , Scientific Director, Novo Nordisk Foundation Center for Biosustainability (DTU) Dr Sonja Billerbeck , Associate Professor in Microbial Engineering, Imperial College London | 16:20 |
| Early Career Researcher Spotlight: The Next Wave of Sustainable Protein | 16:50 |
| Poster Session and Networking | 17:20 |

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| Day 2: March 3 rd | Time |
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| Welcome Coffee and Networking | 8:30 |
| Food for thought – The Value of the Ecosystem Keynote: Bruce Friedrich , President of the Good Food Institute (GFI), author of <i>Meat</i> | 9:00 |
| Panel: Food for thought – The Value of the Ecosystem Chair: Bruce Friedrich , President of the Good Food Institute (GFI), author of <i>Meat</i> Linda Bedenik , Head of Biosolutions & International Policy, BioIndustry Association (BIA) Lorena Savani , Director of Biotech and Protein Thematic Leadership, EIT Food Vincent Brain , General Manager, Bridge2Food Nick Bradley , Co-founder & Editorial Director, Future of Protein Production/Editor, Protein Production Technology International | 9:15 |
| Short Talks: Cell to Sell – Scaling the Cultivated Meat Revolution Prof Karen Polizzi , Professor of Biotechnology, Vice-Director of the Bezos Centre for Sustainable Protein, the Microbial Food Hub, and Co-Director NAPIC Prof David Kaplan , Director, Tufts University Centre for Cellular Agriculture Dr Mark Post , CSO, Mosa Meat Owen Ensor , CEO, Meatly Dr Will Milligan , Founder & CEO, Extracellular | 9:45 |
| Coffee | 10:50 |
| Panel: Cell to Sell – Scaling the Cultivated Meat Revolution Chair: Prof Rohan A. Shirwaiker , Director for the Bezos Center for Sustainable Protein, NC State University Ben Kinder , VP Manufacturing & Operations, Ivy Farm Technologies Dr Francesca Ceroni , Associate Professor in Cell Engineering, Imperial College London Dr Petra Hanga , Associate Professor in Biochemical Engineering, University College London, Co-Founder & CSO Quest Meat Dr Max Jamilly , Co-founder, Hoxton Farms | 11:30 |

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| <p>Panel: Regulating the Future - Enabling Innovation in Novel Foods</p> <p>Chair: John-Felipe Murphy, Regulation and Scale-Up Manager, Bezos Centre for Sustainable Protein, Imperial College London</p> <p>Rebecca Sudworth, Director of Policy, Food Standards Agency (FSA)</p> <p>Dr Océane Albert, Novel Foods Product Safety Team Leader, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)</p> <p>Dr Hannah Lester, Founder & CEO, ATOVA Regulatory Consulting</p> <p>Dr Yvonne Dommels, Nutrition & Regulatory Affairs Director, The Protein Brewery</p> | 12:00 |
| Lunch | 12:30 |
| <p>Short Talks: Next-Generation Plant Proteins - From Crops to Ingredients</p> <p>Host: Dr Parag Acharya, Associate Professor in Food Innovation, University of Greenwich</p> <p>Prof Pam Ismail, Professor and Director, Plant Protein Innovation Center, University of Minnesota</p> <p>Prof Derek Stewart, Director of the Advanced Plant Growth Centre, James Hutton Institute & Co-Director NAPIC</p> <p>Dr Phil Howell, Research Lead, Crop Genetic Resources, Niab</p> <p>Christoph Jenny, Co-Founder & CEO, Planted</p> | 13:50 |
| Coffee | 15:15 |
| <p>Panel: Next-Generation Plant Proteins - From Crops to Ingredients</p> <p>Chair: Prof Weibiao Zhou, Acting Director, Bezos Centre for Sustainable Protein, National University of Singapore (NUS); Head, Department of Food Science and Technology, NUS</p> <p>Dr Kelsey Kanyuck, Principal Scientist, THIS™</p> <p>Anthony Warner, Consultant Development Chef, New Food Innovation & Food Writer</p> <p>Dr Christophe Schmitt, Senior Expert Proteins, Nestlé Research</p> <p>Adriana De Camargo, Global RD&A Innovation Program Lead, Kerry</p> | 16:00 |

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Panel: Ingredients for Future Food

16:30

Chair: **Dr Stephen French**, Scientific Policy Director,
Institute of Food Science & Technology (IFST)

Dr Fabio Campanile, Head of Science & Technology, Givaudan

Prof Gary Frost, Head of Nutrition Research, Lead for Centre for Translational Nutrition
and Food Research, Imperial College London

Dr Maya Bendifallah, Co-Founder & CSO, Nutropy

Dr Andrew Spicer, CTO & Founder, Algenuity

Panel: Fuelling the Future

17:00

Chair: **Prof Mary Ryan**, Vice-Provost of Research & Enterprise, Imperial College London

Vicky Grinnell, Food Tech/Futures Lead, Lloyds Corporate and Institutional

Deborah Zajac, General Partner, SOSV

Rosie Wardle, Co-Founder & Partner, Synthesis Capital

Fábio Faria Oliveira, Senior Scientific Manager – Food Biotech, Novo Nordisk Foundation

Closing Remarks

17:30

Conference Closes