

NZ Food Safety Science & Research Centre

2025 NZFSSRC/NZIFST Annual Conference

Confirmed Food Safety Sessions

Tuesday 24 – Thursday 26 June 2025

Convention Centre, Main Street, Palmerston North

Day & Date	Session Details
Tuesday 24 June 7.15-8.30am	Women's Breakfast Navigating academia as a 'difficult' woman Siouxie Wiles (UoA)
9.00 – 10.30	NZIFST Welcome & Plenary
Tuesday 24 June NZFSSRC Session 1 11:00 – 12:30	Chair: Glen Neal The Future: Challenges and Opportunities in Food Safety Global Megatrends Māori perspectives Regulatory Industry Panel discussion Phil Bremer (UoO) Fiona Wiremu (Awanuiārangi) Roger Cook (MPI NZFS) Pierre Venter (Fonterra)
12:30 – 1.30	LUNCH
Tuesday 24 June (Afternoon) Follows Seafood Plenary NZFSSRC Session 2 3.30 – 5.00	Chair: Glen Neal Emerging Issues Emerging risk framework (FoodSafeR) Dealing with Naturally Occurring Contaminants in Seafood Vibrio an emerging disease threat for Aotearoa Microplastics Q & A Nina Hommels (ESR/Wageningen) Tim Harwood (Cawthron) Lucy Rivas (ESR) Olga Pantos (ESR)
Wednesday 25 June Plenary Session 08.30 – 10.30	Chair: Glen Neal Viruses in Food: Transmission, Survival and Risks Professor Kalmia Kniel, University of Delaware
Wednesday 25 June NZFSSRC Session 3 (Following Plenary) 11.00 – 12.30	Chair: Glen Neal Current Issues NZ Perspective: Viruses in Food HPAI Risk Assessment HPAI PFAS & Implications for the Food Chain Developing rapid point-of-use molecular diagnostics for pathogens He paku ā uta he paku ā rō wai VMCF Project Q & A Anne-Marie Perchec-Meren (MPI) Aswathi Soni (MPI) Kerry Mulqueen (PIANZ) Shailja Data (UoA) Craig Billington (ESR) Whakaki Lake Trust
12.30 – 1.15	LUNCH
Wednesday 25 June Kim Hill Panel 1.15 – 3.15	Let the Consumer Beware; Who is Responsible for Food Safety? Panellists: Glen Neal, Phil Bremer, Jocelyn Eason, Siouxie Wiles