

Members' Regulatory Day

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Biographies



Agota Ditchfield is a Principal Regulatory Advisor at Leatherhead Food Research where currently she covers Hungary, UK and EU legislation. Agota taught A-level Biology and Chemistry before joining Leatherhead as an Analytical Chemist testing fruit and vegetables for pesticide residues. She then joined the Regulatory Department and has, since then, gained significant experience on food legislation, mentoring juniors, leading projects and presenting on training courses. More recently, Agota has been advising companies on their novel food dossier preparation. Agota has a Masters degree in Teaching Biology and Chemistry.



Felicia Frances is a Scientific and Regulatory Affairs Consultant at Leatherhead Food Research. Felicia has over five years' experience in providing global regulatory support to clients, including product and labelling compliance. She is a native Indonesian speaker and specialises in food regulations in Asia Pacific and the US. Felicia has a BSc (Hons) degree in Nutrition and Food Science from the University of Surrey.



Mark Moss is a Senior Regulatory Consultant at Leatherhead Food Research and advises on UK, Irish and EU food legislation. He is an experienced food regulatory professional who has worked at some of the world's leading food and healthcare companies including: Tesco, McCormick Foods, GlaxoSmithKline, Heinz, and Suntory. He has a Masters degree in Food Law and is an expert in novel food and novel health claim application & submissions processes with hands-on practical experience in these areas.



Luke Murphy has worked at Leatherhead since 2006, initially in the regulatory team for 11 years, building up extensive experience of training clients, advising on regulations in the EU, UK and Ireland and eventually managing a team of seven advisors. As VP Key Accounts, Luke now looks after the key accounts for the scientific and regulatory affairs division. Before joining Leatherhead, he worked in industry for five years, in a mixture of product development roles (for companies such as Unilever and Mars Petcare) and a technical/auditing role with Leatham's Ltd, a premium food importer based in London. Luke is the sustainability champion at Leatherhead with a keen interest in emerging regulations on sustainability, and the challenges and rewards of making businesses more sustainable. Luke has a BSc in Food Science from the University of Leeds.

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Emma Piercy is Head of Climate Change & Energy Policy at Food and Drink Federation (FDF). Emma joined the FDF in October 2019 and has led on developing and is now delivering the sectors Roadmap to Net Zero. Emma spends time working with stakeholders across the farm-to-fork supply chain and with other industrial sectors, to help food and drink manufacturing in the decarbonisation challenges ahead. Building upon the momentum created by the UK hosting COP26, Emma is focused on industry alliances to tackle the shared challenges and align on industry led solutions. Before joining FDF, Emma held a number of policy and regulation roles with RWE AG, RWE Npower Cogen, Elexon, Sustainable Energy Association, First Utility (now Shell Energy) and National Grid Gas.



Caroline Potter is VP Sustainability, at Sagentia Innovation. Caroline has over 16 years' experience consulting with global consumer, food and beverage and industrial clients. Caroline works with industry leaders to tackle key challenges and realise new value in the market resulting from the drive to operate more sustainably and provides an objective view of the complexity and trade-offs involved. Caroline has a degree in Chemistry from Oxford University and a PhD in organic chemistry from Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, London.



Daryl Thomas assumed responsibility for Leatherhead Food Research in June 2020 as Managing Director through the integration with TSG Consulting Europe, a chemical regulatory consulting business in the same group. He has 25 years of experience in agribusiness and has led various international businesses, including 20 years with Syngenta. He has a degree in Mathematics and is a Chartered Accountant.