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Advances in Nutritional Dairy Products & Ingredients

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

The Southern Ireland Section has been honoured by the Society of Dairy Technology by being selected to host its **2017 Spring Conference**, the major event in the Societies 2017 Calendar. The Southern Ireland Section last hosted this event in 2012, when the Conference was held in Cork and we intend to mark its return to Ireland this year by organising a stimulating and enjoyable conference.

Now that the historical restraints on milk production in Europe have been phased out, new business opportunities & challenges have emerged. Volatility has been a key feature of dairy markets over many decades but particularly in recent years and is an on-going business risk factor that milk processors have to cope with and manage. An important strand of any business strategy for milk processors is to move up the value chain by developing, manufacturing and marketing niche products and ingredients. In Ireland the policy of targeting the dried Infant Formula (IF) sector of the wider Nutritional Foods sector as an outlet for added value dairy ingredients has been a note-able success story – almost 15% of the international infant formula market currently originates from this country and large volumes of dairy ingredients are exported for IF manufacture in Europe and Asia. Thus it is highly appropriate that Nutritional Dairy Products and Ingredients is the theme of the 2017 SDT Spring Conference.

The conference will run from **Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th, April 2017** and a wide range of social activities in convivial locations will compliment the very topical technical programme.

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

THE TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

**Markets & Regulatory Issues
Technology : Products & Processes
Nutrition Requirements of population sectors
Nutritional Ingredients
Open Forum Discussion**

as well as:

**Poster Exhibition & Student Competition
Technical Visit
Trade Exhibition
Social Programme**

SPEAKERS:

Will be drawn from business leaders, academics, technical experts and regulators including presentations from:

**Dr. Chris Bloore (New Zealand)
Prof. Ulrick Kulozik (Technical University of Munich)
Dr. Loren Ward (Glanbia Nutritionals)
Prof. Paul Moughan (Riddet Institute, NZ)
Dr. Thom Huppertz (NIZO)**

CONFERENCE VENUE

University College Cork, which has a proud heritage in Dairy Education in Ireland and recognized as an international centre of excellence in Dairy Research, is the venue for the 2017 Spring Conference. Located on the banks of the river Lee and landscaped by nature the UCC campus has many interesting buildings and features, ranging from the historical Stone Corridor of the Main Quadrangle to the modern Lewis Gluckmann Gallery in the Lower Grounds.

REGISTRATION

To register your interest in attending the conference and to receive updates on the programme please browse: www.sdt.org or email: mfhickey@oceanfree.ie | execdirector@sdt.org

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