

## Event Report

The Australian HACCP Conference Series is the largest annual discussion forum of its kind in the Asia Pacific for all food industry professionals involved in food safety. This year's conference agenda was considered the most informative and interesting, sure to drive forward food safety issues that face the Australian food industry every day and into the future.

This year's Conference attracted over 200 delegates involved in the development, implementation and maintenance of food safety programs. Over the course of the week these delegates not only enjoyed an informative program, they met new and old colleagues to network and exchange ideas.

The week included activities such as; food safety training, pest awareness and recall workshops, trade exhibits, social evenings and the 2005 Annual HACCP Conference Awards. These awards recognise the contributions of individuals and businesses who work tirelessly to ensure the safety of our food supply.

The main speaker program ran for two days (8th and 9th Sept) with the overall focus of the Conference addressing issues currently affecting the food industry, including risk management, pathogen management, sanitation strategy, seafood, allergens, obesity, organics, food safety trends and standards.

Speakers who presented on these topics include representatives from:

### Risk Assessment and Management

- United States Department of Agriculture (Assistant Administrator, Office of Public Health Science, Food Safety and Inspection Services)
- New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZ)
- Food Science Australia

### Pathogens and Sanitising

- Food Science Australia
- California Polytechnic State University (USA)

### Overseas Seafood Food Safety Trends

- Basque Government (Spain)
- Food Quality Solutions International (Asia)



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### Food Allergen Management

- Royal Prince Alfred Hospital
- Nestle (Switzerland)

### Obesity

- Southern Cross University
- Advancing Food Safety for Geoff Spreigel (UK)

### Food Safety with Organics

- University of Newcastle on Tyne (UK)
- National Association for Sustainable Agriculture Australia

### Analysis and Management of Food Quality Systems, Standards and Codes

- Australian Government Dept. Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry
- Advancing Food Safety
- Stemilt (USA)
- Freshcare Australia
- Horticulture Australia

Further information, logos, interviews and photos

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### **Sponsors:**

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### **Exhibiting Companies:**

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### Award Winners

With great delight, Advancing Food Safety announces the 2005 winners of the HACCP Conference Awards, all in attendance at the Awards Ceremony to accept their accolades:

- Category 1** - Ray Lanham (sponsored by Metcash Trading Ltd)
- Category 2** - Dr Patricia Desmarchelier (sponsored by Advance Career Development)
- Category 3** - David Purlow (sponsored by Ecolab Pty Ltd)
- Category 4** - Sub categories: (sponsored by Woolworths Supermarkets)
  - Small, high risk: Xi Chieng
  - Small, low risk: Eltham Gourmet Poultry & Game
  - Large, high risk: Sydney Fish Market
  - Large, low risk: Suncoast Gold Macadamias
  - Multisite, high risk: Bartter Enterprises
  - Multisite, low risk: McLean Farms



2005 HACCP Conference Award Winners and Sponsors