







OVERSEAS SPEAKERS

<div></div> <div><p>Dr. Martin WIEDMANN Dr. med. vet, Ph.D.</p><p>Gellert Family Professor of Food Safety Director of Graduate Studies, Field of Food Science and Technology Department of Food Science Cornell University</p></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Martin received a veterinary degree and a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich in 1992 and 1994, and a Ph.D. in Food Science from Cornell in 1997.● He currently is the <i>Gellert Family Professor of Food Safety</i> at Cornell and also serves as Director of Graduate Studies for the Field of Food Science and Technology at Cornell.● His research interests focus on farm-to-table microbial food quality and food safety and the application of molecular tools to study the biology and transmission of foodborne pathogens and spoilage organisms.● His team has published > 270 peer reviewed publications, which have been cited >7,700 times; 14 of his publications have been cited ≥100 times. Martin also has given more than 200 invited presentations.● He was a member of the Listeria Outbreak Working Group, which was honored by a USDA Secretary’s Award for Superior Service in 2000.● He also received the Young Scholars award from the American Dairy Science Association in 2002, the Samuel Cate Prescott Award from Institute of Food Technologists’ in 2003, the International Life Science Institute North America Future Leaders Award in 2004, and the American Meat Institute Foundation Scientific Achievement Award in 2011. He is a fellow of the Institute of Technologists (IFT), a fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology (AAM), and a member of the International Academy of Food Science and Technology.
<div></div> <div><p>Ms. Janell KAUSE</p><p>Scientific Advisor for Risk Assessment Food Safety and Inspection Service U.S. Department of Agriculture</p></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Janell Kause serves as the Scientific Advisor for Risk Assessment at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA-FSIS). In this capacity, she provides scientific leadership, as well as direction and guidance on the development, adaptation, and application of food safety risk assessments to guide agency policies and programs.● Prior to her promotion to Scientific Advisor in 2013, Ms. Kause served as the Director of a multi-disciplinary team of scientists, statisticians, and engineers in the development and application of quantitative food safety risk assessments to guide major food safety policies.● During her 17-year tenure with USDA-FSIS, Ms. Kause has led several well recognized food safety initiatives that have provided the scientific and public health foundation for regulations related to Listeria monocytogenes in ready-to-eat foods, removal of specified risk material to prevent BSE exposure, modernization of poultry slaughter to prevent salmonellosis, and advancements to declare STECs adulterants in beef products. Ms. Kause has over 16 years of experience in the regulatory process, developing science-based, risk-informed policies.● Ms. Kause is also recognized for substantially enhancing stakeholder engagement throughout USDA-FSIS’s policy development process, increasing transparency of regulatory science, modernizing how USDA-FSIS identifies emerging food safety risks, and broadening the application risk-based analytics to effectively target limited public health resources.● She has served on numerous national and international committees and co-authored numerous publication related to the advancement food safety and public health. She serves at the request of the Under Secretary for Food Safety as the Agency Scientific Integrity Officer to meet White House requirements for federal agencies to advance scientific integrity in decision-making. Ms. Kause holds a dual Masters in Public Health and a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Michigan.
<div></div> <div><p>Dr. David LEES</p><p>Senior Food Safety Advisor Food Safety group at Cefas Weymouth laboratory UK</p></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● David has more than 30 years experience in human health microbiology including disease diagnosis and monitoring, virological research, algal biotoxin monitoring, statutory related programmes and reference laboratory activities● David is the senior food safety advisor in the Food Safety group at Cefas Weymouth laboratory, UK.● The Food Safety group covers activities associated with; European Regulations on food safety - classification of bivalve mollusc harvesting areas, approval of shellfish purification plants, sanitary surveys and monitoring for algal biotoxins; advice on sewage discharges; and associated applied research on algal biotoxins, faecal pollution of the marine environment, and enteric viruses impacting seafood.● David advises UK Government and European Commission on issues related to bivalve mollusc safety. Cefas Weymouth is the designated UK National (NRL) and European Union Reference Laboratory (EURL) for bacterial and viral contamination of bivalve molluscs. David is Director of the EURL

LOCAL SPEAKERS

<div></div> <div>Dr. Janice LO, JP MBBS(HK), FRCPA, FHKCPath, FHKAM(Pathology)</div> <div>Head, Public Health Laboratory Services Branch Centre for Health Protection Department of Health</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr. Janice Lo commenced her medical career in the Government Virus Unit. She subsequently obtained professional qualifications in clinical microbiology and virology.● Dr. Lo has over 20 years of experience in the clinical microbiology and virology laboratory.● In 2005, she took up the position of Consultant Medical Microbiologist in the Public Health Laboratory Services Branch, Centre for Health Protection. Since November 2011, Dr. Lo also assumed the position of Head, Public Health Laboratory Services Branch.● Dr. Lo’s interest is in the application of laboratory techniques in public health for infectious disease control and prevention.
<div></div> <div>Dr. Jasmine KWONG MBBS, PDipID</div> <div>Medical and Health Officer Microbiology Division Public Health Laboratory Services Branch Centre for Health Protection Department of Health</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr. Kwong graduated and received the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree from the University of Hong Kong in 2005. She started her specialty training in Emergency Medicine after graduation.● With growing interest in infectious diseases and pathology, she decided to further pursue her career in the field of virology. She has joined the Department of Health in 2010 and is now working as Medical and Health Officer in Public Health Laboratory Services Branch. In this capacity, she participates in the provision and development of diagnostic and reference clinical and public health virology laboratory services in Hong Kong.
<div>Dr. K.M. POON</div> <div>Senior Medical and Health Officer Food Incidents Response & Management Centre for Food Safety Food and Environmental Hygiene Department</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr K.M. Poon graduated in 2003 with a M.B. Ch.B. from The Chinese University of Hong Kong.● Dr. Poon joined the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) in 2015 and is now working as Senior Medical Officer in the Incidents Response and Management Unit.● In this capacity, Dr. Poon is responsible for investigating food poisoning cases or outbreaks, in collaboration with the Centre for Health Protection, related to food premises in Hong Kong● Prior to joining CFS in 2015, Dr. Poon served as Medical & Health Officer at the Epidemiological Section of the Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health from 2012 - 2015.
<div></div> <div>Dr. K.Y. SHA</div> <div>Medical and Health Officer, Emergency Response, Centre for Food Safety Food and Environmental Hygiene Department</div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr. K Y Sha received the M.B.Ch.B. from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1997.● Dr Sha has been working as Medical Officer in the Emergency Response Unit of the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) since 2014.● In this capacity, Dr. Sha is involved in managing food incidents that may have public health significance in Hong Kong.