



15th World Processing Tomato Congress

Congress program

Monday 10 June

Morning

- **CONGRESS & SYMPOSIUM JOINT OPENING CEREMONY**

- **THE FUTURE OF FOOD**

Moderator: Jason Fritsch, WPTC President

- **Emerging trends in agriculture**, Ryan Avery (Bayer Vegetable Seeds)
- **Reimagining our food systems: accelerating transformation to better sustain our planet and its people**, Magdalena Psuja (TetraPak)
- **Artificial Intelligence: imagine the future, science and innovations**, Willem Jan Knibbe (Wageningen Data Competence Center)
- **Roundtable discussion** with all speakers

Afternoon

- **WHERE ARE WE NOW?**

Moderation: Alistair Blake, AMITOM President

- **The global processing tomato industry in 2024**, Alistair Blake (AMITOM president)
- **Global comparison of costs of production**, Martin Stilwell (HIT)
- **Research activities supporting EU sustainability initiatives in the food sector**, Valeria De Laurentiis (European Commission)
- **The economic, social and environmental sustainability of the European tomato supply chain**, Antonio Casana (Tomato Europe)
- **Roundtable: How to ensure fair competition in the processed tomato markets?**
with the speakers and:
 - Zhu Chenhui (COFCO)
 - Armando Gandolfi (Gandolfi)
 - Manuel Goncalves (SUGAL)
 - Mike Montna (CTGA)

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- **WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?**

Moderator: Nick Kastle, WPTC Vice President

- **Tomato products: Navigating global markets, consumer insights and product dynamics**, Anastasija Nadezdina (Euromonitor International)
- **The Impact of food inflation: How will companies stay relevant to already financially stressed consumers?** Nick Kastle
- **Roundtable: How do we position ourselves to remain relevant or seize opportunity?**
with:
 - Attila Avramucz (Univer, Hungary)
 - Norito Ebata (Kagome, Japan)
 - Diodato Ferraioli (La Doria, Italy)
 - Francesco Mutti (Mutti, Italy)
 - Raissa Ninelli Momenti (Fugini, Brazil)
 - Guo Shunjie (Cofco, China)

Afternoon

- **TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION IN THE TOMATO PROCESSING INDUSTRY**

Moderator: Manuel Vazquez, WPTC Vice President

- **Global policy: A public plant breeder's perspective**, Allen Van Deynze (UC Davis)
 - **The era of zero-steam tomato plants**, Mario Gozzi (CFT)
 - **The role of technology in the ecological transition: Challenges and opportunities**, Francesco Rossi (Rossi Ingegneria Alimentare)
 - **What is the next innovation for tomato processing?**, Chris Rufer (Morning Star)
 - **Symposium Synopsis: Unveiling the key research findings**, Matthew Stewart (APTRC)
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- **CONGRESS & SYMPOSIUM JOINT POSTER SESSION**

Wednesday 12 June

Morning

- **AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION**

Moderator: Roger Scriven, WPTC past President

- **Climate change and future of growing tomatoes**, Domenico Ronga (University of Salerno)
- **Climate change and processing tomato districts: Challenges, adaptations and resilience**, Gabriele Canali (Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)
- **Tomato breeding for future challenges: climate, technology, sustainability**, Steven Schroeder (BASF/Nunhems)
- **Safeguarding the global seed supply**, Paulo Abreu (HeinzSeed)
- **Roundtable discussion** with the speakers and:
 - Don Cameron (CTGA)
 - Manuel Vazquez (CONESA)
 - Chris Taylor (Kagome Australia)

- **CONGRESS & SYMPOSIUM JOINT CLOSING CEREMONY**