15th World Processing Tomato Congress

Congress provisional program

This provisional program is subject to changes as additional speakers are confirmed and presentation titles are finalised.

Monday 10 June

Morning

- **CONGRESS & SYMPOSUM 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)
- **Ensuring environmental and social sustainability**, 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)

Tuesday 11 June

Morning

- **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)
- **Roundtable: How do we position ourselves to remain relevant or seize opportunity?** with:
  - Norito Ebata (Kagome, Japan)
  - Diodato Ferraioli (La Doria, Italy)
  - Francesco Mutti (Mutti, Italy)
  - Attila Avramucz (Univer, Hungary)
  - Guo Shunjie (Cofco, China)
  - Raissa Ninelli (Fugini, Brazil)

Afternoon

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

Moderator: Manuel Vazquez, WPTC Vice President

- **Gene Editing and GMO**, Allen Van Deynze (UC Davis)
- **The era of zero-steam tomato plants**, Mario Gozzi (CFT)
- **What is the next innovation for tomato processing?** Chris Rufer (Morning Star)
- **Symposium Synopsis: Unveiling the Key Research Findings,** Matthew Stewart (APTRC)

- **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 & SYMPOSUM JOINT CLOSING CEREMONY**