



# 15<sup>th</sup> 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

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#### 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)
  - **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

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### Morning

#### WHAT DOES THE FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

Moderator: Nick Kastle, WPTC Vice President

- **Global market trends & consumer preferences**, Anastasija Nadezdina (Euromonitor)
- **Roundtable: How do we position ourselves to remain relevant or seize opportunity?** with all speakers and:
  - o Norito Ebata (Kagome, Japan)-
  - o Diodato Ferraioli (La Doria, Italy)
  - o Francesco Mutti (Mutti, Italy)
  - o Endre Nagy (Univer, Hungary)
  - o Guo Shunjie (Cofco, China)

### 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)  
**Roundtable discussion** with the speakers

#### ISHS JOINT POSTER SESSION

## Wednesday 12 June

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### Morning

#### AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Moderation: Roger Scriven

- **Climate change and future of growing tomatoes**, Davide Cammarano (Aarhus University)
- **Tomato Breeding for future challenges: climate, technology, sustainability**, Steven Schroeder (BASF/Nunhems)
- **Safeguarding the seed supply**, John Marchese (Heinzseeds)
- **Key research from the symposium**, Matthew Stewart (APTRC)
- **Roundtable discussion** with the speakers and:
  - o Don Cameron (CTGA)
  - o Manuel Vazquez (CONESA)
  - o Chris Taylor (Kagome Australia)

#### CONGRESS & SYMPOSIUM JOINT CLOSING CEREMONY