



PROGRAMME

VIRTUAL PRE-CONFERENCE

18 November 2021

Snippets from the upcoming programme sessions of the in-person conference (4-6 April 2022, Amsterdam, the Netherlands) will be presented in a highly interactive way. Topics include (i) food allergy prevention and therapy and (ii) food allergy/allergen management.

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All times in Central European Time (CET)

12:30 Food Allergy Forum Pre-Conference: introduction
Chair: Prof. Geert Houben, TNO and University Medical Centre Utrecht, the Netherlands
Commentator: Prof. Johan Garssen, Nutricia Research and Utrecht University, the Netherlands
Co-ordinator: Dr Marty Blom, TNO, the Netherlands

Topic: Food allergy therapy, prevention

12:45 *Initiation and perpetuation of food allergy*
Dr Michelle Epstein, Medical University of Vienna, Austria

13:15 *Recent updates in epicutaneous immunotherapy for peanut allergy*
Todd D. Green, MD, DBV Technologies, USA

13:45 *Assessment of allergenicity of proteins in novel food supply: a mission impossible?*
Dr Marjolein Meijerink, TNO, the Netherlands

14:15 – 14:45 Meet the speakers

Topic: Food allergy/allergen management

14:45 Chair: Prof. Johan Garssen, Nutricia Research and Utrecht University, the Netherlands
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14:50 *Providing the global food industry with best practice allergen risk assessment tools – the VITAL Program V3.0, VITAL Standard, and VITAL Online*
Kirsten Grinter, Nestlé Australia and Allergen Bureau, Australia

15:20 *Do we have the final threshold levels?*
Prof. Joseph Baumert, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA

15:50 *“Too high, too low, but the system won’t go”: protecting the food-allergic consumer*
Dr Paul Turner, Imperial College London, UK

16:20 *Light, camera, new action levels!*
Dr Bert Popping, FOCOS, Germany

16:50 – 17:20 Meet the speakers

17:20 Closing remarks and outlook for the in-person conference (4-6 April 2022, Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
Prof. Geert Houben (conference chair)

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Michelle Epstein

Dr Epstein's research at the Experimental Allergy Laboratory of the Medical University Vienna focuses on the elucidation of the basic mechanisms underlying the initiation and perpetuation of allergic disease.

Todd D. Green

Todd Green is vice President, Clinical Development & Medical Affairs at DBV Technologies. Prior to joining DBV Technologies, he served as site principal investigator on multiple multicentre food allergy clinical trials at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

Marjolein Meijerink

At TNO, Dr Meijerink is responsible for the food protein allergenicity assessment and the development of guidance on how to identify parameters and how to assess and monitor the safety and efficacy of immune health interventions and exposure.

Kirsten Grinter

Ms. Grinter's current role is Regulatory, Scientific Affairs & Nutrition Manager for Nestlé Oceania. She has been involved with the Allergen Bureau at its inception in 2005 and is passionate about delivering industry allergen management initiatives. Ms. Grinter is the President of the Allergen Bureau and is driving international acceptance of the VITAL risk-based programme, through the work of the VITAL Scientific Expert Panel.

Joseph Baumert

Prof. Baumert's research interests include the examination of the digestive stability of major food allergens and determining how digestion-resistant allergens may impact allergic sensitization to foods; the determination of minimal eliciting doses for specific food allergens; the examination of processing effects on food allergens; and the development and improvement of immunochemical methods for detection of allergenic food proteins.

Paul Turner

Dr Paul Turner is a Clinician Scientist and Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Allergy & Immunology at Imperial College London, and Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Sydney, Australia. His research focusses on the pathophysiology of severe allergic reactions to food. He is a member of the UK Food Standards Agency's Science Council, the FAO/WHO Codex Expert Consultation on Risk Assessment of Food Allergens and leads the EAACI Taskforce on Food Allergen Thresholds.

Bert Popping

Dr Bert Popping is managing director of the strategic food consulting company FOCOS. He previously worked as Chief Scientific Officer and Director Scientific Development and Regulatory Affairs for multi-national contract laboratories. Dr Popping has more than 25 years' experience in the food industry and authored over 75 peer-reviewed publications on topics of food allergens, food authenticity, food analysis, validation and regulatory assessments.