



Event Program

2026 INC Feeding the Future Conference
Grand Millennium Hotel, Auckland, New Zealand

Tuesday 25 August 2026

05:00PM - 08:00 PM	Nu-Mega Welcome Reception Nourishing Healthy Beginnings Location: Aucklander Room, Ground Floor Event Sponsor 06:30 PM – 06:45 PM Speaker: Bassam Hallak, Global Director – Sales & Marketing, Nu-Mega Ingredients
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Wednesday 26 August 2026

08:15 AM – 09:00 AM	Registration Location: Registration Desk, outside Grand Millennium Ballroom, Level 1
09:00 AM – 10:25 AM	Session 1 – Conference Opening Location: Grand Millennium Ballroom, Level 1 Opening Address Minister for Food Safety and Minister for Biosecurity 09:00 AM Speaker: The Hon Andrew Hoggard Welcome to Conference INC Board Chair 09:15 AM Speaker: Maria Venetoulis Welcome Ceremony Aotearoa 09:25 AM Performance: Māori Haka Powhiri Purposeful Innovation in Early Life Nutrition Platinum Sponsor 09:45 AM Speaker: Jouke Veldman, Global Marketing Director, Early Life Nutrition & Cell Nutrition, FrieslandCampina Ingredients Bridging Early-Life Microbiota Gaps with <i>Bifidobacterium infantis</i> M-63: From Colonisation to Development Outcomes Platinum Sponsor 10:05 AM Speaker: Dr Toshitaka Odamaki, General Manager & Senior Research Scientist, Biotics Research Institute, Morinaga Milk Industry
10:25 AM – 10:45 AM	Break – Morning Tea Location: Pre-Function Area, Level 1

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10:45 AM – 12:30 PM

Session 2 – Global Economic Outlook | Trade Diversification

Location: Grand Millennium Ballroom, Level 1

The Fat Factor in Infant Safety | Major Sponsor

10:45 AM

Speaker: Nan Ma, MSc, Global Customer Innovation Manager, Advanced Lipids

Geopolitical Events & Impact for Exporters | Keynote

11:00 AM

Speaker: Brad Olsen, Chief Executive and Principal Economist, Infometrics

Unlocking India: Leveraging the FTA for Infant Nutrition Growth | New Zealand Trade and Enterprise

12:00 PM

Speaker: Anne Collins, India FTA Implementation Manager

12:30 PM – 02:00 PM

Lunch

Location: Mezzanine Level 1

02:00 PM – 03:00 PM

Session 3 – Food Safety

Location: Grand Millennium Ballroom, Level 1

Bacillus Cereus and Clostridium botulinum in PIF | University of Auckland, NZ Food Safety & Science Research Centre

02:00 PM

Speaker: Professor Simon Swift, Professor of Molecular Medicine and Pathology

Managing Food Safety Incidents | New Zealand Food Safety, Ministry for Primary Industries

02:30 PM

Speaker: Jenny Bishop, Director Food Risk Management

03:00 PM – 03:30 PM

Break – Afternoon Tea

Location: Pre-Function Area, Level 1

03:30 PM – 05:00 PM

Session 4 – Resilience | The Food Regulatory Environment

Location: Grand Millennium Ballroom, Level 1

Bunge's Leadership in Infant Formula Purity: Contaminant Control for Betapol OPO and Infant Grade Oils | Major Sponsor

03:30 PM

Speaker: Tom de Reu, Quality and Food Safety Manager Nutrition, Bunge

Resilience

03:45 PM

Speaker: Julia Grace, NZ PSA Keynote Excellence Speaker of the Year 2025

Regulation Reimagined: Future-Proofing Infant Nutrition Standards | Food Standards Australia New Zealand

04:25 PM

Speaker: Emma Breen, Manager Nutrition Standards

Challenges and Opportunities facing NZ Manufacturers | New Zealand Food and Grocery Council

04:40 PM

Speaker: Raewyn Bleakley, Chief Executive

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06:30 PM – 10:00 PM

DAABON Oil Solutions | Gala Dinner Evening

Location: Maritime Room, Princes Wharf

Quality, Traceability and Sustainability: DAABON's Approach to Vegetable Oils for Infant Nutrition

07:30 PM

Speaker: Sergio Correa, Managing Director, Daabon Organic Australia

Special Guest Entertainment

08:30 PM

Performance: James Nokise, Comedian

Thursday 27 August 2026

09:00 AM – 10:10 AM

Session 5 – Innovation & Research – Fuelling Tomorrow

Location: Grand Millennium Ballroom, Level 1

Science backed Ingredients and the Role Distribution Plays | Major Sponsor

09:00 AM

Speaker: Andrew Sullivan, Managing Director, Barentz New Zealand & Australia

Advancing Early Life Nutrition through Biotechnologically produced HMOs | Major Sponsor

09:15 AM

Speaker: Dr Junai Gan, Scientific Advisor, Human Health BioSolutions, Novonesis

Recombinant Proteins and New Opportunities for Innovation in Infant Nutrition | All G

09:30 AM

Speaker: Dr Jared Raynes, Chief Scientific Officer

Evolving Choline needs across the Lifespan | Balchem

09:50 AM

Speaker: Thomas Druke, Senior Marketing and Business Development Manager

10:10 AM – 10:40 AM

Break – Morning Tea

10:40 AM – 12:00 PM

Session 6 – Mandatory Marketing Controls

Location: Grand Millennium Ballroom, Level 1

Unlocking Growth in Asia's Infant Nutrition Markets: Lessons from India, Indonesia and Vietnam | NielsenIQ

10:40 AM

Speaker: Mitesh Khatri, Strategic Analytics & Insights – Business Partner

Project Voix: Exploring Parent and Healthcare Professional Perspectives on Infant Feeding | Ipsos Australia

11:10 AM

Speaker: Tamara Yap, Associate Research Director

Infant Formula Marketing Controls in Australia | Development of Regulations

11:35 AM

Speaker: Liz Lloyd, Senior Corporate Counsel, Nestle Australia

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12:00 PM – 01:30 PM

Lunch

Location: Mezzanine Level

01:30 PM – 03:00 PM

Session 7 – Exploring AI | Conference Close

Location: Grand Millennium Ballroom, Level 1

Human x Machine: Exploring AI & Exponential Technologies

01:30 PM

Speaker: Joe Davis, co-Founder and former CEO Nanogirl Labs

Next Steps | Close 2026 INC Feeding the Future Conference

02:30 PM

Speaker: Jonathan Chew, Chief Executive Officer, Infant Nutrition Council

03:00 PM – 03:30 PM

Networking – Afternoon Tea

Location: Pre-Function Area, Level 1
