

Agenda is subject to change. Last Updated: August 26, 2026

Day 1

7:30 – 8:30 am	Registration and Breakfast
8:30 – 8:45 am	Welcome Address Tanya Waraich , OFPA Vice President Membership Information
Morning Moderator: Tanya Waraich, OFPA BOD	
8:45 – 9:45 am	Keynote: Topic TBD Lone Jespersen , Cultivate SA
9:45 – 10:30 am	One Goal, Different Roles: Understanding CFIA's Role Beyond Enforcement and Building Effective Regulatory Relationships Kevin Urbanic , Canadian Food Inspection Agency Food safety is a shared responsibility. This session explores the CFIA's role beyond enforcement, dispels common misconceptions about the regulator–regulated relationship, and shares practical strategies for building professional, transparent, and effective relationships that support compliance and strengthen Canada's food safety system.
10:30 - 10:50 am	Nutrition Break, Networking & Exhibits
10:50 – 11:00 am	Elite Sponsor Presentation: Sanitation Pros
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Rapid Fire Q&A (Sanitation, Pest Control, Auditing) Moderator: Ellen Gravi Nathan Persaud , Sani Marc Siarl Dixon , Auditor Bruno Levesque , Orkin What is new in Sanitation, Pest Control and Auditing? This is an AMA (Ask Me Anything) Session.
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch, Networking & Exhibits
Afternoon Moderator: Stephen, OFPA BOD	
1:00 – 1:30pm	Clive Kingsbury Competition Dharamdeo Singh , University of Guelph
1:30 – 1:40 pm	Platinum Sponsor Presentation: Sani Marc
1:40 - 1:45 pm	Results of Clive Kingsbury Competition Dharamdeo Singh , University of Guelph
1:45 – 2:35 pm	“Bringing Industry, Government and Academia Together” Amy Proulx , Niagara College
2:35 – 2:55 pm	Afternoon Nutrition Break, Networking & Exhibits
2:55 – 3:45 pm	TBD Tom Ford , VP FSQA, Compass Group Synopsis TBD
3:45 – 3:55 pm	Premier Sponsor Presentation: AIB
3:55 – 4:45 pm	Raising the Bar on Food Safety in Meal Kits Sanja Ilic , Ohio State University

	Over the last decade and a half, meal kits transitioned from a niche market to mainstream, raising unique food safety challenges. This talk will review domestic and industry food safety practices and assembly of safe recipes for Food is Medicine approaches in high-risk population.
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Daily Bread Food Bank - Samantha Cooke & Ian MacGillivray
5:00 – 5:05 pm	Closing Comments for Day 1 Tanya Waraich , OFPA Vice President
5:05 – 7:00 pm	Networking Mixer

Day 2

7:30 – 8:30 am	Registration and BreakfastF
8:30 – 8:40 am	Day 2 Welcome Address KJ Kunarajasingam , OFPA President
8:40 – 9:25	OFPA Annual General Meeting • New Business & President's Address • 2025 AGM Minutes Approval & OFPA Constitution • OFPA 2026 & 2027 Board of Directors • OFPA Financial Review
Moderator: Ellen Gravi , OFPA BOD	
9:25 – 9:35 am	Platinum Sponsor Presentation: LuminUltra
9:35 – 10:20 am	Why Community Still Matters in Food Safety. IAFP Executive Board Speaker Program Presents: Manan Sharma , Research Microbiologist, USDA - IAFP President 2026-2027. In an age of large language learning models and AI, how food safety knowledge is communicated and used is changing. The food safety community – made up of individuals from research, industry, and government sectors, all still have roles to play to improve these tools. The role of the human community is still essential in improving food safety to decrease the burden of foodborne illness.
10:20 – 10:50 am	Nutrition Break, Networking & Exhibits
10:50 – 11:50 am	Being a Food Safety Leader - Translating Food Safety to Business Impact Moderator: John Boyce , Cultivate SA Lone Jespersen , Cultivate SA Frank Yiannas , Smarter FY Solutions Tom Ford , Compass Group Summary TBD
11:50am – 12:05pm	Premier Sponsor Presentation: Flexxray
12:05 – 1:15 pm	Lunch, Networking & Exhibits
1:15 – 2:15	GFSI Panel Moderator: Gwynne Stisker , Embassy Ingredients Stephanie Sonneveld , SQF Gary Wills , FSSC22000 Jessica Burke , BRCGS This panel will discuss the latest updates in standards and will answer questions from the attendees.
2:15 – 2:35 pm	OFPA Awards Committee , OFPA Awards Presentation
2:35 – 3:35 pm	Keynote: Beyond Dollars: The Invaluable Currency of Food Safety and Consumer Trust Frank Yiannas , Smarter FY Solutions

	Food safety is often measured in dollars—costs of recalls, litigation, lost sales, and regulatory compliance. Yet the most valuable asset a food company possesses cannot be found on its balance sheet: consumer trust. This presentation explores why trust is the true currency of the food system and how it is earned, protected, and, when lost, can be extraordinarily difficult to regain. Drawing on decades of leadership experience across government, retail, and the food industry, Frank Yiannas will challenge the audience to rethink many of their food safety approaches with a call to action to strengthen food safety prevention and maintain consumer trust.
3:35 – 3:50 pm	Raffle Draw
3:50 – 4:00 pm	Closing Comments for Day 2 KJ Kunarajasingam , OFPA President