



Conference Agenda

FOOD HYDROCOLLOIDS 2026
April 26-28, 2026 Westin Hotel, Valencia, Spain

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SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2026		
6:00 -8:00 P.M. Registration & Cocktails – Westin Hotel		
MONDAY April 27, 2026		
TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:00	Registration, Breakfast	
9:00	Welcome & Conference Overview/ Faces & Places	Nesha Zalesny/Dennis Seisun
10:00	IMR International LLC (1) <i>“Hydrocolloid Market Overview”</i>	Nesha Zalesny
10:30	Refreshment Break	
11:15	Ingredient (2) <i>“Food Texture - Where we are, where we're going and how we get there - An Ingredient viewpoint”</i>	Jim Zallie
11:45	The Food Truth Project (3) <i>“The Misinformation Machine - How Myths Spread and What can be done about it”</i>	Veronica Jaramillo
12:15	Roundtable Luncheon	
1:45	Ashland (4) <i>“Defend or Disappear: Redirecting the Ultra-Process Foods Debate”</i>	Margie Best
2:15	Azelis (5) <i>“Hydrocolloid Distribution - Innovation Through Formulation in EMEA”</i>	Markus Matuschek
2:45	Refreshment Break	
3:15	Bright Moon Seaweed Group (6) <i>“Alginate: Enabling Sustainable and Multifunctional Solutions for Food Innovation”</i>	Demeng Zhang
3:45	Panel Discussion <i>“Addressing Consumer Perceptions”</i>	Panel from Audience
4:15	Close of Day 1	
5:00	Meet in hotel lobby 5:30PM – Dinner Banquet – Return to Hotel by 10:30pm	



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TUESDAY April 28, 2026		
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8:00	Breakfast	
9:00	Cargill (7) “Meeting EU Regulations - Past and Future”	Xavier Martin
9:30	Haribo-Rigó (8) “Hydrocolloids at Haribo - Now and The Future”	Conrad Fessler
10:00	Pascual (9) “Hydrocolloids at the Crossroads - Functionality, Sustainability & Sensory Innovation”	Alejandro Gonzalez Navech
10:30	Refreshment Break	
11:15	IFF (10) “Hydrocolloid Interactions – Addressing Fat Reduction and Protein Challenges in LATAM.”	Maria Luiza Teixeira
11:45	Danone (11) “TBD”	Pauline Marcelli Vincent Nguyen
12:15	Roundtable Luncheon	
1:45	Keller and Heckman LLP (12) “Hot Topics in the Regulatory Scenario EU-UK. Case Studies”	Luca Galizia
2:15	ICL (13) “Importance of Sustainable Procurement Practices in Transformation of Agro Food Systems”	Svjetlana Jerkovic
2:45	Brief Break	
3:15	Nestle (14) “TBD”	Mathilde Maheas
3:45	IMR International LLC (15) “Conference Summary- Hydrocolloid Trivia Contest”	Dennis Seisun
4:15	Conference Summary & Conclusions Hydrocolloid Quiz & Award € 300 Cash Prize	Dennis Seisun Nesha Zalesny
4:45	End of Conference	