

13th October 2026, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Welcome drinks reception with Canapes, Glasgow City Chambers

Day 1

9.30am – 10.30am – Registration

Chair

10.30am – 10.35am – Welcome and Housekeeping

Derek Stewart, Co-Director PRODUCE Pillar NAPIC, James Hutton Institute

10.35am – 10.40am – Introduction

10.40am – 11.20am - **KEYNOTE**

Alternative proteins between technology, physiology and environment

Prof Hannelore Daniel, Technical University of Munich

11.20am – 11.35am – *Frontier Research at NAPIC: A Co-Directors' Perspective*

Prof Anwesha Sarkar - NAPIC, University of Leeds. Prof Karen Polizzi - NAPIC, Imperial College London

11.35pm – 11.45pm – NAPIC: *From Vision to Impact*

Imran Afzal, NAPIC CEO

11.45pm – 11.55pm – SEED pitches

AlgaPet - Yashaswini Premjit, University of Leeds

Cultured Color - Shirin Bamezai, Imperial College London

Velvex - Izabella Smith, University of Sheffield

11.55am – 12.00pm – Premium Sponsor Slot – Alpro confirmed

12.00pm – 1.30pm – Lunch, posters & exhibitors

(12.00pm – 12.05pm – Group photo – optional)

Chair:

Session theme – **National Protein Roadmap**

1.30pm – 1.50pm – Toby Townsend, ADAS

1.50pm – 2.10pm – *Current state of UK (plant-based) consumer markets and public attitudes, based on our annual retail sales data research and consumer insights*

Linus Pardoe, Good Food Institute Europe

2.10pm – 3.00pm – *Fireside chat - The National Protein Roadmap: A Shared Vision*

Prof Derek Stewart (moderator), Mark Corbett (Biorenewables Development Centre), Farming community (tbc) and Retailer (tbc)

3.00pm – 3.25pm – Break, posters & sponsors

Session Theme – **Addressing Innovation Challenges in Alternative Proteins**

Chair

3.25pm – 4.10pm – Next generation of proteins, where do we go from here? An exploration on how to render alternative proteins mainstream

[Rania Abou Samra, Lesaffre](#)

4.10pm – 4.20pm – Open innovation

[Abdessamad Arrachid, Cargill](#)

4.20pm – 4.30pm – Louise Chapman, Investment Director, PXN

4.30pm – 4.45pm – *CPF Case Study: Developing chemical treatments to reduce astringency of pea proteins*

[Guy Carpenter, King's College London. Ingredient tbc](#)

4.45pm – 5.00pm – Start up pitches showcase

5.00pm – 7.00pm – Alt Protein Nibbles, Posters & Drinks

[Network, be inspired by the latest scientific research, and enjoy a taste of alternative protein creations from our industry collaborators.](#)

Day 2

9.00am – 9.05am - Welcome and Housekeeping

[Session theme – Bioprocessing at Scale](#)

Chair

9.05am – 9.25am – Craig Johnston, Founder of Enough

9.25am – 9.45am – Andrew Spicer, CTO Algenuity

9.45am – 10.05am Yvonne Dommels, The Protein Brewery

10.05am – 10.25am – Case studies selected from abstracts x4

10.25am – 10.50am – Break, posters, sponsors

[Session theme – Acceptability & Accessibility](#)

Chair

10.50am – 11.20am – *From Today's Protein to Tomorrow's Plate: Consumer Choices and Attitudes to inform the National Protein Strategy*

[Prof Louise Dye, NAPIC Co-Director, University of Sheffield](#)

11.20am – 11.35pm –NAPIC Frontier Research case studies – select from abstracts x3

11.35am – 12.10pm - Fireside Chat – GLP-1: Challenge or Opportunity for Alternative Protein Innovation?

[Anwesha Sarkar – moderator \(University of Leeds\), Gary Frost \(Imperial College London\), Maha Tahiri \(S2B group\), Julia Buech \(Rabobank\), Paula Varela \(NOFIMA\)](#)

12.10pm – 1.30pm – Lunch, posters, sponsors

(1pm – 1.30pm – Quick steps/stretchers outdoor walk to park)

Chair

1.30pm - Parallel sessions –

		Theme	Theme	Theme
Time	1.30pm – 2.15pm			

Room				
BREAK – 2.15pm – 2.35pm				
Time	2.35pm – 3.20pm			

3.30pm – 3.35pm – Poster Prize award

[Sponsor present](#)

3.35pm – 3.50pm—Collaborative Programme Funding Opportunities

[Rob Hancock, NAPIC Scientific Management Team Champion, James Hutton Institute](#)

3.50pm - 4pm - Vote of thanks

[Rick Mumford, Food Standards Agency](#)