

**13th October 2026, 6.30pm – 8.30pm: Welcome drinks reception with
Canapes, Glasgow City Chambers**

Day 1: 14th October 2026

9.30am – 10.30am – Registration

Chair: Prof Derek Stewart, James Hutton Institute

Session theme – Shaping the future of food with Alternative Proteins

10.30am – 10.35am – Welcome and Housekeeping

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

10.35am – 10.40am – Introduction

Matthew Willaims, Chief Scientific Advisor or Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, Scottish Government

10.40am – 10.50am – NAPIC: From Vision to Impact

Imran Afzal, CEO, NAPIC

10.50am – 11.30am - KEYNOTE Alternative proteins between technology, physiology and environment

Prof Hannelore Daniel, Technical University of Munich

11.30am – 11.45am – Leveraging Digitalization to Boost Alternative Protein Performance: two NAPIC case studies

Anwesha Sarkar – Co-Director of PERFORM Pillar, NAPIC, University of Leeds and Karen Polizzi – Co-Director of PROCESS Pillar, NAPIC, Imperial College London

11.45am – 11.55am – 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 – Fortification in plant-based dairy alternatives

Alpro Platinum sponsor

12.00pm – 1.30pm – Lunch, posters & exhibitors

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

Chair: Sarah Gaunt, SPG Innovation

Session theme – National Alternative Protein Roadmap

1.30pm – 1.50pm – Alternative proteins and the pathway to Net Zero

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

Derek Stewart (moderator), Mark Corbett (Biorenewables Development Centre) and Alastair Heinrich (National Farmers Union).

3.00 - 3.02pm - Gold Sponsor MicroLub

3.02pm – 3.25pm – Break, posters & sponsors

Session Theme – Addressing Innovation Challenges in Alternative Proteins

Chair: Liz Fletcher, IBioC

3.25pm – 3.55pm – From Today's Protein to Tomorrow's Plate: Consumer Choices and Attitudes to inform the National Protein Strategy

Louise Dye, Co-Director of PEOPLE Pillar, NAPIC, University of Sheffield

3.55pm - 4.10pm - Allergenicity

Clare Mills, University of Surrey

4.10pm – 4.20pm – Open innovation

Abdessamad Arrachid, Cargill

4.20pm – 4.30pm – Raising Venture Capital - an investor's view

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

4.45pm – 5.00pm – Start up pitches showcase

4.45pm - 4.50pm - Adamo Foods, Gareth Payne

4.50pm - 4.55pm - Wyldlife, Seb Gauthier

4.55pm - 5pm – tbc

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: 15th October 2026

9.00am – 9.05am - Welcome and Housekeeping

Session theme – Bioprocessing at Scale

Chair: Imran Afzal, NAPIC CEO

9.05am – 9.25am – Scale up journeys

Craig Johnston, Enough

9.25am – 9.45am – Where's the bar? Delivering a consistent, transformational protein-rich whole-food ingredient at scale

Andrew Spicer, Algenuity

9.45am – 10.05am - The Protein Brewery: From Lab to Industrial Scaling

Yvonne Dommels, The Protein Brewery

10.05am – 10.25am – Research Spotlights selected from abstracts

10.05am – 10.10am - *New generation Pickering stabilisers for oil-in-water emulsions*

Tom Bailey, NAPIC, University of Leeds

10.10am – 10.15am - *BROTEIN: BROccoli biomass side streams as feedstock for nutritious and sustainable proTEIN*

Gordon McDougall, NAPIC, The James Hutton Institute

10.15am – 10.20am - *From dairy to alternative proteins: why we don't need to reinvent the cheese wheel*

Susann Bellmann, NIZO, Netherlands

10.20am – 10.25am - *Hydrolysis enhances the acute glucose-regulating properties of pea protein in healthy adults – a randomised crossover study*

Christine Bosch, University of Leeds

10.25am – 10.50am – Break, posters, sponsors

Session theme – Acceptability & Accessibility

Chair: Kang Lan Tee, University of Sheffield, NAPIC

10.50am – 11.20am – Next generation of proteins, where do we go from here? An exploration on how to render alternative proteins mainstream

Rania Abou Samra, Lesaffre

11.20am – 11.35pm – Research Spotlights selected from abstracts x3

11.20am – 11.25am - *What comes to mind when people think about alternative protein? How does this shape their attitudes and intentions?*

Thomas Webb, University of Sheffield

11.25am – 11.30am - *Making Trade-offs Visible: Decision Intelligence for the UK Protein Transition*

Sonal Choudhary, University of Birmingham

11.30am – 11.35am - *Alternative Proteins in the UK–EU Reset: What Could the Prospective SPS Agreement Mean for Cell-Cultivated Foods?*

Carolina Maciel, UKTPO, University of Sussex

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

Anwesha Sarkar – moderator (NAPIC, University of Leeds), Kieran Tuohy (University of Leeds), Maha Tahiri (S2B group), Julia Buech (Rabobank), Paula Varela (NOFIMA)

12.10pm - 1.30pm - LUNCH, posters and exhibitors

Chair - Rob Hancock, James Hutton Institute, NAPIC

1.30pm - Parallel sessions – (must be pre-booked via the conferencing app)

		Theme	Theme	Theme
Time	1.30pm – 2.15pm	How Investment Decisions Get Made in Food-Tech & Alt Protein Led by Clean Growth Fund and EOS Advisory	Navigating the Novel Foods Regulatory Maze Led by NFX & RSSL	Building Effective & Impactful Academia-Industry Collaborations Led by Louise Dye, NAPIC
Room		Meeting room 6 & 7 Level 1	Executive Rooms A&B, Level 9	Conference Auditorium A
BREAK – 2.15pm – 2.35pm				
Time	2.35pm – 3.20pm	How Investment Decisions Get Made in Food-Tech & Alt Protein Led by Clean Growth Fund and EOS Advisory	Navigating the Novel Foods Regulatory Maze Led by NFX & RSSL	Skills for a Thriving Alternative Proteins Sector Led by Anwesha Sarkar, NAPIC

3.30pm – 3.35pm – Poster Prize award Sponsored by Wiley

Essam Hebishy, Wiley

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