



**THE NEW ZEALAND
INSTITUTE OF FOOD SCIENCE
& TECHNOLOGY INC**



ANNUAL REVIEW

APRIL 2023 – MARCH 2024

VISION

A supportive and networked community driving a vibrant and sustainable food industry.

MISSION

Advance the profession of food science and technology by celebrating success, facilitating life-long learning and engaging members in a collaborative community.

MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

Executive Committee

President	Esraa El Shall (Fonterra)
Vice-President	Bob Olayo (Matt Solutions)
Immediate Past-President	Phil Bremer (University of Otago)
Honorary Treasurer	Grant Boston (MPI)
Elected Members	Hamish Conway (Goodman Fielder)
	Paulette Elliott (KPMG)
	Allan Main (Retired)



Esraa El Shall



Bob Olayo

Management

Executive Manager	Wendy Bayliss
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Accountant

Davidson Fraser, Palmerston North

Auditor

Moore Markham, Wellington

Contractors

Professional Conference Organiser (Conf 2023)	Avenues Event Management
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Phil Bremer



Grant Boston

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Auckland	Jessica Chong (BFGS)
	Clinton Meharry (Hibiscus Solutions)
Waikato	Chathurika Samarakoon (Waikato Institute of Technology)
Hawkes Bay Tairāwhiti	Nicky Solomon (NZ Food Innovation Network)
Central	Ben Sutherland (FSANZ)
Canterbury	Michelle Neyra (Tegel Foods)
Otago Southland	Pat Silcock (University of Otago)



Hamish Conway



Paulette Elliott

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Allan Main



Wendy Bayliss

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023/24

Tēnā koutou katoa e te whanau o te NZIFST,

As I reflect on the past year since our 58th Conference at Ōtepoti Dunedin where my Presidential term started, I am filled with a sense of awe and gratitude. The moment I donned the Presidential collar, I felt an overwhelming emotion and connection to the 31 Presidents who preceded me. Their legacy is symbolised by the collar and serves as a humbling reminder of my role as a link in this chain of leadership.

I also reflect on how the past year has been marked by significant economic challenges, leading to widespread restructuring across Aotearoa, particularly within the food industry and universities. These changes have resulted in job losses and shifts in priorities, triggering important conversations about the future focus of both industry and research.

While we navigate a “post-COVID” world, the impact of COVID-19, particularly on international travel and student numbers, continues to reverberate. Universities are grappling with the financial implications of reduced international student numbers. This has prompted a shift towards online learning and an emphasis on international collaborations to continue delivering knowledge globally.

The ongoing effects of the pandemic have been felt across all sectors. Disruptions to supply chains, changes in consumer behaviours, the shift to remote working, and an increased focus on mental health and wellbeing have all been significant. These factors have also impacted our institute, leading to a decline in membership subscriptions and attendance at in-person events. However, they underscore the importance of staying connected, networked, and engaged with like-minded professionals.

Despite these challenges, the past year has showcased the resilience and innovation of the food industry, universities, our institute, and our members. Some of the highlights include:

- **Innovation:** This was recognized through the NZ Food Awards, with Heilala Vanilla winning the Supreme Award for their alcohol-free vanilla paste, EatKinda winning the Below Zero Award for their cauliflower plant-based strawberry frozen dessert, and The Pure Food Co winning the Health and Wellbeing Award for their Tiramisu designed to meet the specific needs of individuals with swallowing disorders.
- **Global Expansion:** Universities have expanded their international reach, with Massey setting up a branch in Singapore, University of Otago building new relationships in the Asia-Pacific region by joining the Consortium of Asia Pacific Education Universities, and The University of Auckland advancing their relationships with higher education institutions in India by signing Memorandums of Understanding with UPES and Vellore Institute of Technology.
- **Member Recognition:** Our members have been recognized both nationally and internationally for their contributions to the field.
 - Professor Miranda Miroso was named one of Aotearoa New Zealand's Top 50 most influential & inspiring women in food & drink 2024.
 - Distinguished Professor Harjinder Singh received the Institute of Food Technologists Lifetime Achievement Award.
 - Professor Conrad Perera, Dongxiao Sun-Waterhouse, and Professor Phil Bremer were elected Fellows of the International Academy of Food Science and Technology.
 - Professor Richard Archer was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus by Massey University.
 - Dr. Anne Perera was named a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her contributions to food science and nutrition.
 - Plus, all the NZIFST recognitions awarded at last year's conference.
- **Adaptation:** Our branches have adapted to remote working, organizing a series of engaging and informative webinars to meet our members' needs while fostering networking and connections.

These activities provide a glimpse into the future, highlighting the role of technology and innovation in shaping the food industry and higher education. They underscore the importance of resilience, adaptability, and collaboration in navigating future uncertainties.

As for the Executive, the past year has been focused on shaping the future trajectory of our Institute, laying a solid foundation for future leaders to build upon. While many of our initiatives may not be entirely new, we recognize that their implementation is influenced by the evolving landscape around us. Our refreshed strategy reflects our current identity and our aspirations for the future, ensuring NZIFST's continued relevance and growth for the next 60 years and beyond. You can read more about it in the Strategy Update write-up.

Ngā mihi mahana

Esraa El Shall

President

NZIFST PREMIER AWARDS AND PRIZES 2023

JC Andrews Award

This award is presented in memory of Massey University's first Chancellor, Dr John Clark Andrews, who proposed that a food technology degree course be established at Massey University. The award recognises Institute members who have made a substantial contribution to science and technology in the food industry.

John Brooks



Distinguished Service Award

This award recognises ongoing distinguished service and contribution to any sector of the Food Industry over a long period and above the normal line of duty.

Craig Honoré



Ron Hooker Award for Exemplary Service

This award is to recognise significant past or current service or contribution to the NZIFST, developing the affairs of the Institute, its Branches or Divisions. The award has been established to honour and recognise the outstanding contribution given by Canterbury branch stalwart, Ron Hooker, to the NZIFST since its formation in 1965.

Fiona Nyhof



Fellows



Hamish Conway



Jasmine Estrera

Rebecca Klee was also awarded a fellowship in absentia.

NZ Food Safety Award for significant contribution to Food Safety

This award, presented for the first time in 2017, recognises the significant contribution of an individual to improving food safety in a sector or across a range of sectors.

Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua



Rob Lake (ESR) was presented with the NZ Food Safety Award for Significant Contribution to Food Safety by Roger Cook (NZFS).



Student Poster Competition 2023



Department of Food Science
Te Tari Pūtaiao Kai

(L to R) Emily Fanning (2nd Place), Thilanka Haththotuwa (1st Place) and Sahiti Peddisetti (3rd Place).



3-Minute Pitch Competition 2023



Certificates were presented to (L to R) Vitor da Silva (3rd Place), Emily Fanning (2nd Place), and Khushboo Soni (1st Place) by Daniel Smith (Pacific Process on behalf of QualiTru Sampling Systems)



Food Tech Solutions Undergraduate Writing Competition

The competition goal is to provide all students studying Food Science, Food Technology or Consumer Food Science, and who are in their final year of their degree programme, the opportunity to communicate their opinions on scientific developments to consumers in a clear and interesting manner and to promote the development of communication skills. Students may write on any technical subject or latest development in food science and technology that they consider will be of interest to consumers. Winning entries are published in *Food New Zealand*.



FTS ESSAY WINNERS 2023

1st	Precision Fermentation Cultivating the Future of Dairy	Erin Lau	University of Auckland
2nd	Cell Based Meat	Lennart Morten Iwers	Massey University
3rd	Legume based bread	Inchara Nagamangala Yoganarasimhaswamy	University of Otago
4th	Kombucha	Joey Chen	University of Otago
5th	Precision fermentation for alternative protein	Pascale Hertnon	Massey University

EARLE TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP

The Earle Travel Fellowship was established by Dick and Mary Earle to support and encourage young professional engineers and food technologists. The aim of the Fellowship is to increase the knowledge and skills of professionals through overseas travel. It is envisaged that the skills gained, and the contacts made, through visiting overseas research and development institutes, and attending international conferences will enable successful candidates to improve technology in New Zealand.

Applicants for the Earle Travel Fellowship will be engaged in the study of or gaining practical experience relevant to either:

- *Product development and innovation management
- *Process development in bio-processing or food processing”

Applicants must be:

- a) A New Zealand citizen or permanent resident with at least three years proven residence in New Zealand immediately preceding the year of selection.
- b) Members of a professional organisation recognised by the Board [Engineering New Zealand, New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology, Institution of Chemical Engineers in New Zealand, or Product Development & Management Association].
- c) Aged less than 40 years, but with a preference given to candidates under 35 years.
- d) Employed in one of New Zealand’s technological industries (products or services), or an associated research organisation.

Fellowship Winners

2006	Neil Betteridge	NZIFST
2007	John Rutland	NZIFST
2008	Rebecca MacDonald	
2009	Hamish Conway	NZIFST
	Jonathan Cox	NZIFST
2010	<i>(Not awarded)</i>	
2011	Kirin Harrison	NZIFST
2012	<i>(Not awarded)</i>	
2013	<i>(Not awarded)</i>	
2014	Hannah Wood	NZIFST
2015	Anthony Stubbs	
2016	Yi-Chern Lee	NZIFST
2017	Aaron Low	
2018	Brooke Clarke	
2019	Daniel Burgess	
2020	<i>(No award due to Covid-19)</i>	
2021	Ophir Karon (Award restricted to NZ travel)	
2022	Ben Exton	
2023	Hannah Calderon	NZIFST

NZIFST REPORT for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2024

Provisional Result (FY 2024) – Prepared by Davidson Fraser

At the time of this report, the final audit report for the financial statements has not been completed.

Financial Performance (Table 1)

NZIFST recorded a deficit before tax and depreciation of \$6,755 for the 2023/24 year.

This follows a very high deficit in 2022/23 year due mainly to a lower conference profit.

We have calculated profit from Conference 2023 was \$477 however, because some payments were not processed until after 31 March 2024 this is not reflected in the financial performance below. The low profit was due to the decision to engage a professional conference organiser (Avenues Event Management) and the conference being held in Dunedin which impacted attendance and increased operating costs.

Work done on behalf of EHEDG continues to be profitable, earning \$13,252, which will be held for future EHEDG activities. NZIFST charges a management fee for this work and that income is recorded as Event Admin Fees.

Table 1: Financial Performance of NZIFST for Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Year 2021/2022 (audited)	Year 2022/2023 (audited)	Year 2023/2024 (unaudited)
INCOME			
Total Subscriptions	115,780	134,720	135,335
Branch + SIG	6,528	6,794	7,100
Awards Sponsorship	4,337	1,000	3,000
Endorsements	2,300	0	7,300
Conference	262,021	170,254	9,647
Event Admin Fees	3,501	4,108	4,912
Website	3,979	5,403	4,650
Careers & Education	0	130	0
Resource materials (DVD)	55	0	40
Work on behalf	2,424	19,301	0
Work on behalf - EHEDG	28,517	35,846	89,257
Sundry	12	742	273
Interest	4,496	3,989	10,988
TOTAL INCOME	433,950	382,287	272,501
EXPENSES			
Branch	9,158	7,752	7,944
Conference	134,319	165,578	-838
Website & Software	8,189	15,872	11,581
IUFoST Congress 2020	3,969	5,739	0
Careers & Education	1,740	403	0
Awards, Prizes, Science Fairs	16,053	18,273	15,779
Subscriptions & Endorsements	1,109	1,674	1,444
FoodNZ Journal	2,601	2,599	2,403
Management & Operations	166,755	164,036	151,259
Board/Executive	8,275	11,512	9,722
Work on behalf	1,800	17,886	458
Work on behalf - EHEDG	23,847	32,520	76,005
TOTAL EXPENSES	374,540	443,844	279,256
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	59,410	-61,557	-6,755
BEFORE DEPRECIATION & TAX			
Less Depreciation & Sale of Assets	-140		
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	59,550	-61,557	-6,755

Notes – Income:

Event admin fees: NZIFST takes a management fee for external activities e.g. EHEDG courses, NZOZ Symposium and Salary Survey sales.

Endorsements: NZIFST endorsed both FoodTech PackTech 2023 and the Food Safety Conference held by Brightstar Events.

Conference: The 2023 Conference was managed by a Professional Conference Organiser, the usual income and expenditure was managed in their books. Income of \$9,647 recorded in 2023/24 was from misdirected payments by sponsors and registrants to NZIFST and this was subsequently returned to the organiser.

Work on Behalf: the NZOZ Symposium held in New Zealand in 2023, was hosted by AIFST this year.

Interest: NZIFST took advantage of the high interest rates and moved additional cash into Term Deposits, which resulted in a healthy interest payment for the 23/24 year.

Expenses:

Conference: As noted above, the conference expenses were managed by the PCO. This includes the return of \$20,000 seed funding that was paid to the PCO in 2022/23 which was larger than NZIFST conference expenses and explains the negative expense.

Management & Operations: were reduced this year as Exec Manager was employed at 0.75FTE until Oct 23 and then moved to 1FTE as she took over conference management for 2024.

Work on Behalf: As noted above NZOZ 2024 was hosted by AIFST.

Work on Behalf – EHEDG: Two training courses were run this year, against the one course in 22/23. EHEDG also bought some training equipment this year.

Statement of Financial Position (Table 2)

As at 31 March 2024

Table 2: Financial Position for the NZIFST for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31 March 2022	31 March 2023	31 March 2024
CURRENT ASSETS			
ASB Accounts	276,873	198,112	59,545
Bank Term Deposit	283,924	133,869	243,690
ASB - PIR Investment Account	0	146,591	155,956
Taxation	0	-671	-671
Accrued Interest Income	478	1,137	2,206
Accounts Receivable	2,580	431	163
Payments in Advance	6,918	951	8,245
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
AK Branch Fixed Assets	67	50	37
TOTAL ASSETS	570,840	480,470	469,171
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
GST	-6,151	-1,279	1,477
Accounts Payable	18,967	5,750	300
Receipts in Advance	33,031	0	0
Income in Advance - EHEDG	0	14,207	2,991
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	45,847	18,678	4,768
NET ASSETS	524,993	461,792	464,403
Represented by			
GENERAL FUND & RESERVES			
Current Year Earnings	59,550	-61,557	-6,755
DIANZ Reserves	30,793	30,793	30,793
Retained Earnings	434,651	494,200	432,645
Other	0	-1,592	-1,592
TOTAL GENERAL FUNDS AND RESERVES	524,994	461,845	455,090

Overall Position

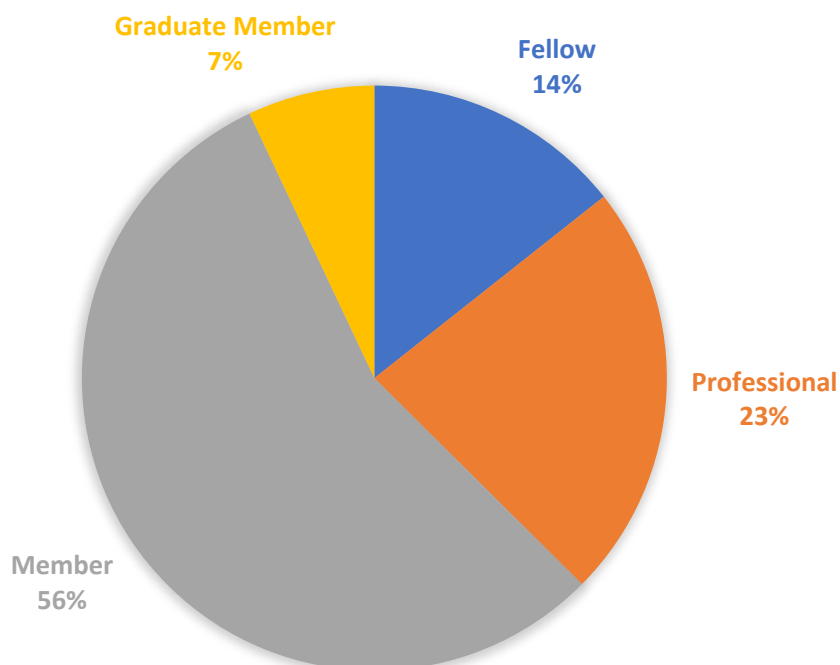
The NZIFST continues to have a strong overall position with reserves of over \$455,000 and good financial management keeping outstanding liabilities low. We have substantial reserves to support planned work for the NZIFST Strategy House in the coming years.

*Grant Boston MNZIFST
Honorary Treasurer*

MEMBERSHIP TRENDS

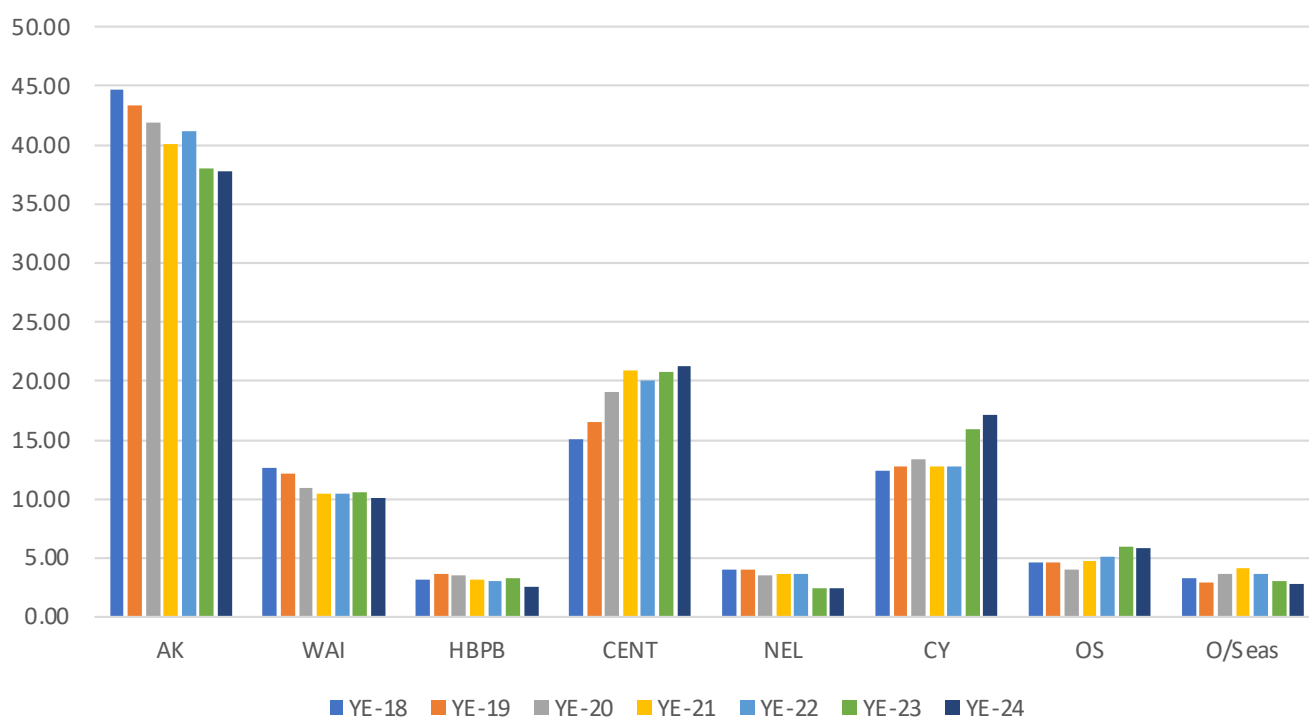
NZIFST MEMBERSHIP 2023-2024

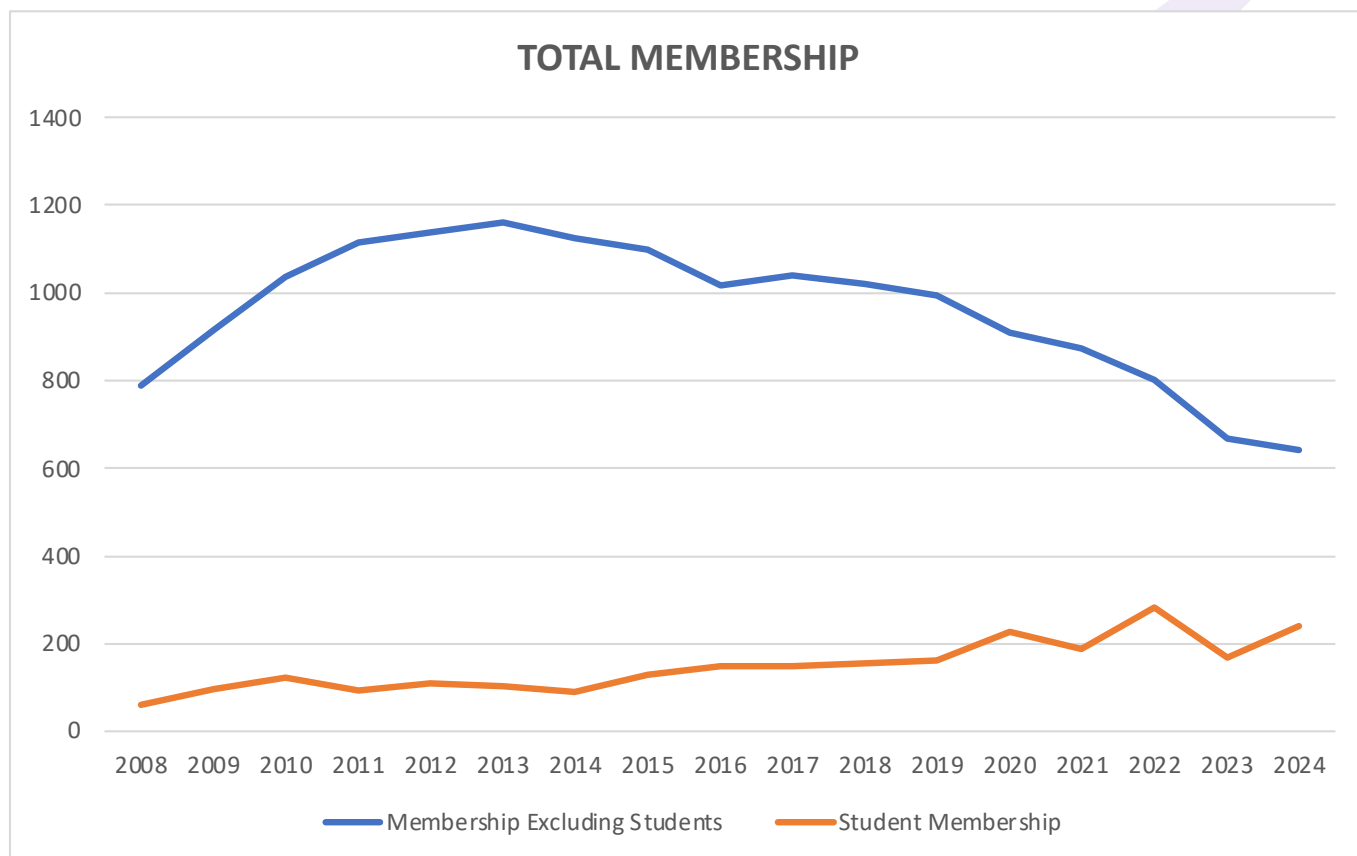
MEMBERSHIP BY TYPE (2023-2024)



MEMBERSHIP BY BRANCH (%)

(Excl Students)





Member Attrition

During the 2023-24 year, excluding students, ~680 existing members and ~90 new applications were invoiced. By year end, ~82% were paid or still within their payment due period. 22 members resigned during the year for a variety of reasons including, retirement, not getting value from the membership, or moving overseas. A further 115 members let their membership lapse with no response to all contact.

The Executive and Board have been working over the 2023-24 year on plans to help reduce the decline in membership through engagement with members and the wider food industry. 2024-25 will see some of these plans executed, including encouraging increased branch activities, a brand update, and looking into ways to help members with their professional development.

Additionally, it is noted how important it is to transition student members to graduate members as they move in to paid employment and retain their membership in the long term. The 2023-24 year saw 15 students changing to a Graduate 1 membership, compared to 6 in 2022-23.

At year end (31 March 2024) including 240 Students, the active membership totalled 881.

ROYAL SOCIETY TE APĀRANGI

NZIFST is a Constituent Organisation (CO) member of the Royal Society, whose role is to support New Zealanders to explore, discover and share knowledge. They do this through public outreach, education, and by supporting the research community. They also provide advice and information to government and the public on issues of public concern. They celebrate those at the top of their fields with medals, awards and prizes; and provide standards of ethics and professional behaviour which their members have to abide by. Experts are brought together to make transparent, effective decisions about who gets research funding and access to learning opportunities. They also help provide evidence based independent advice to the public and government.

RSNZ is an independent, not-for-profit membership organisation. People can join as friends, affiliated members, professional members or be elected as Fellows or Companions.

THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (IUFoST)

The International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST) is a global scientific organisation representing food scientists and technologists around the world. It is a

voluntary, non-profit association of national food science organisations linking the world's food scientists and technologists. IUFoST is a full scientific member of ICSU (International Council for Science), and it represents food science and technology to international organizations such as WHO, FAO, UNDP and others.



INTERNATIONAL UNION of FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IUFoST organises World Food Congresses, among many other activities, to stimulate the ongoing exchange of knowledge in those scientific disciplines and technologies relating to the expansion, improvement, distribution and conservation of the world's food supply. They provide the international food science and technology community with unique opportunities to exchange ideas and develop strategies to meet IUFoST's goals.

NZIFST was first a member of IUFoST in 1970, and although it has not maintained continuous membership since then, it has been a full member since the early 2000's.

NZIFST's voting representative at IUFoST is Phil Bremer.

THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (IAFoST)

IAFoST is a group of elected distinguished food scientists and technologists who collectively form a pool of scientific expertise in food science and technology from which IUFoST may draw non-aligned expert advice on scientific matters. Elected Fellows represent no organisation but serve as independent persons to work and promote high standards of ethics and scientific endeavours. They are at the forefront of IUFoST, helping to strengthen global food science and technology for humanity.

NZIFST members of the Academy:

Laurence Melton	Professor, University of Auckland
Gordon Robertson	Professor & Food Packaging Consultant
Harjinder Singh	Distinguished Professor & Director of Riddet Institute
Richard Archer	Professor Emeritus, Logan Campbell Professor of Food Technology, Massey University
Indrawati Oey	Professor, University of Otago
Anne Perera	Retired

NZIFST CONFERENCE 2023

The 2023 conference was held in the hallowed halls of the University of Otago for the first time in over 20 years on the 1st-3rd July. Graham Eyres assembled a diverse team to bring together an engaging and thought-provoking programme looking at “Food in a Changing World”.

Despite wild weather playing havoc with some people’s travel plans, the conference was well attended by nearly 300 registrants, who enjoyed 10 plenary speakers, 68 speakers, one panel on Food Waste run in conjunction with the International Science Festival, the University of Otago Department of Food Science Poster Competition, the QualiTru Sampling Systems® 3 Minute Pitch Competition and multiple networking opportunities.

Plenary speakers included Lain Jager (Primary Sector Council), Brett Cowan (ESR), Mike Casey (NZO), Craig Armstrong (NZTE), Phil Marriott (Monash University), Kathy Glass (UoWisconsin), Warren McNabb (Riddet Institute), Dame Juliet Gerrard (Prime Minister’s Chief Science Advisor), Glen Neal (FSANZ), and Graham Strong (Otago Innovation Ltd).

Some of the highlights included a fabulous beer and food matching hosted by Richard Emerson at Emersons Brewery on Monday evening and a lively scavenger hunt organised for the Early Career Foodies Function with help from the Otago Southland Branch student members and enjoying the beautiful Dunedin Town Hall for our Awards Dinner.

The conference was, as usual, supported by great sponsors and exhibitors, and we thank them for their generous support. Additionally we have to thank the team from Avenues for making the whole conference run smoothly.

Conference Committee

Graham Eyres	Chair
Amit Taneja	Fonterra
Pat Silcock	University of Otago
Don Otter	AUT
Evelyn Fraser	Consultant
Aswathi Soni	AgResearch
Biniam Kebede	University of Otago
Neala Hart	Fonterra Brands
Pankaj Sharma	Open Country Dairy
Matt Steven	Mataura Valley Milk
Wendy Bayliss	NZIFST Manager
Anne Scott	FoodNZ
Melanie Walker	Professional Conference Organiser (Avenues)

Principal Sponsors:



Major Sponsors:



NZOZ SENSORY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM 2024

The 18th NZOZ Sensory Symposium was hosted by AIFST in Sydney in February 2024.

The 19th NZOZ Sensory Symposium will be hosted in New Zealand by NZIFST.

PUBLICATIONS

The reach of *FoodNZ* is greater than ever before: having our journal available on the online platform builds awareness of the Institute and has the potential to build outside engagement with our Institute.

We continue to review readership statistics from our online platform, ISSUU, and note that whenever *FoodNZ* is published, the emails announcing its arrival are opened and every time the magazine is promoted in *Nibbles* there are additional reads. We are able to highlight particular articles through *Nibbles*, perhaps bringing back those who flicked past on the first read. (Notably, *Nibbles* has an outstanding open and read rate for an e-zine, sitting around the 45% mark every fortnight.)

A satisfying number of links are clicked on – from articles of interest, from advertisements and by those who wish to explore the NZIFST Website. “*Sliding on*” is a favourite of many: in some issues standing out as the page lingered on longest. We also find that readers head for the NZIFST pages. Looking for one’s photograph from a branch meeting may be the driver there.

We are pleased that our New Zealand food research organisations regularly contribute articles and papers, sharing their research with all of us. Our industry’s food safety regulatory bodies continue to contribute and have done so since the journal was first published in 2000.



Food NZ is published six times per year by Peppermint Press. The FoodNZ website, www.foodnz.co.nz (owned by Peppermint Press) has links to *Nibbles* and pdf’s of back issues of Food NZ. FoodNZ is now a fully digital magazine.



The **NIBBLES** eNewsletter is published fortnightly to a circulation list of ~2,000 members and non-members. It features member information, event and professional development course listings, NewsBites, Branch news and employment opportunities. Some paid promotions are also accepted for NIBBLES.

2023 NZIFST REFRESHED STRATEGY UPDATE

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Last year, I shared with you the skeleton of our vision, mission, and four pillars. Today, I am proud to report significant progress in fleshing out these pillars, thanks to the tireless efforts of our workstream leads and their committees.

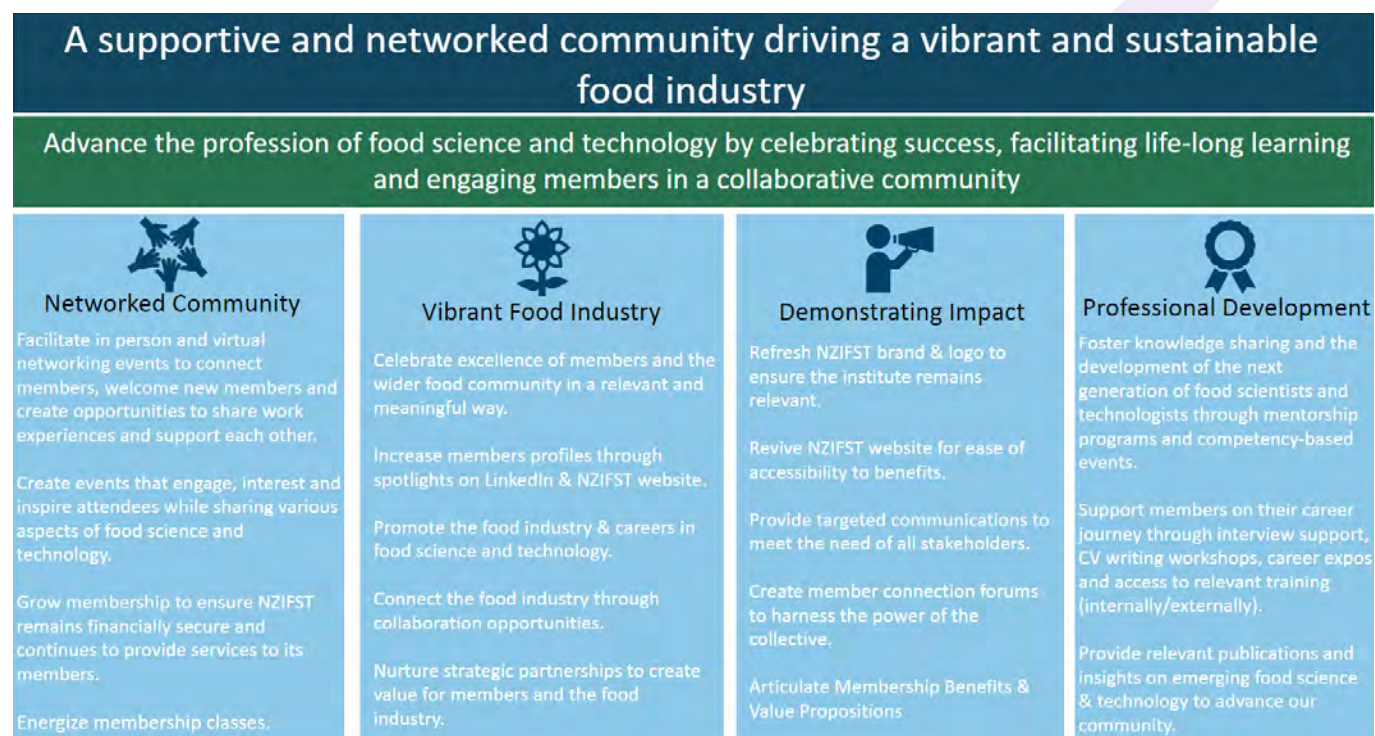
Our Vice President Bob Olayo is leading the Networked Community Pillar (with IPP Phil Bremer, Honorary Treasurer Grant Boston, Elected Exec Member Hamish Conway on the workstream), Elected Exec Member Paulette Elliott is leading the Vibrant Food Industry Pillar, Executive Manager Wendy Bayliss is leading the Demonstrating Impact Pillar (previously known as NZIFST Brand), and Elected Exec Member Allan Main is heading the Professional Development Pillar. This structure ensures that every member of the Exec team is actively involved in delivering one or more of the pillars.

Over the past year, we have achieved several milestones:

- Developed personas with input from all workstreams to better understand and serve our members.
 - Students, Striving Graduates, Growing Early Careers, ‘Mid’ Career Foodies, Mature + Career and Regional Foodies
- Refreshed our values and articulated what NZIFST stands for through the Demonstrating Impact workstream.
 - Inclusive, Dedicated, Supportive and Professional
- Conducted a survey to validate our assumptions, with over 100 members providing valuable feedback.
- Explored the concept of an informal/virtual/hybrid branch to engage and connect our regional foodies through the Networked Community workstream
- Refreshed our awards to better recognize the achievements of our members through the Vibrant Food Industry workstream.
 - JC Andrews Hall of Fame Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, Exceptional Leadership in the Food Industry Award, Ron Hooker Significant Service to the NZIFST Award, Mary Earle Mentorship Award, Emerging Leader Award.
- Aligned on goals for each pillar and secured Board approval for a proposed 24-25 budget to support workstream initiatives to take into AGM.
- As we move forward, we aim to align on a timeline for activities to share at the conference.

See next page for the milestones.

These milestones enabled us to summaries the activities onto one page as per the below:



Our Branch Chairs and Committees deserve special recognition for their efforts in organizing engaging events for our members, from in-person gatherings to webinars and factory tours and ensuring we remain active and relevant.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Looking forward to what the next year will bring!

Ngā mihi

Esraa El Shall
President

BRANCH EVENTS AND COMMITTEES

AUCKLAND

Chair	Jess Chong
vice-chair	Clinton Meharry
Secretary	Rebecca Fok
Board	Jess Chong
Board	Clinton Meharry
Committee	Sarah Leakey
	Jo Kelly-Tuckey
	Grace Van Tilborg
	Neala Hart
	Anny Dentener-Boswell
	Esraa El Shall
	Grace Queenin
	Violet Xu
	Julia Ling
	Linda Tan
Student Reps	Sam Martin
	Gabrielle Lobo
	Sabah Hanspal



Auckland Branch Members learned all about brewing on the Lion Brewery Tour in April 2023



Jenny Yee Collison and Vicki Young showed members how to make delicious Chinese dishes at the AGM in June 2023



Auckland Branch Members taste some of the delicious award winning products from the Massey Food Awards in Oct 2023



An End Of Year Celebration gave members a chance to show their artistic flare at a paint and sip event in Nov 2023



Students learn about what they can do after their studies at a student careers evening in July 2023.

WAIKATO

Chair	Chathurika Samarakoon
Secretary	Amy Pitt
Board	Chathurika Samarakoon
Committee	Katharine Adam
	Colin Pitt
	Richard Gray
	Rob Archibald
	Marcus Loi
	Maddison Stratton
	David Platts
	Jane Stockton



Volare hosted the Waikato Branch in May 2023



The Waikato Branch out in force in their Hi Vis at the Evonik Factory Tour in Aug 2023

CENTRAL

Chair	Ben Sutherland
Vice-chair	Craig Honore
Co-Secretary	Merit Mathew
Deputy Secretary	Daniel Palfreyman
Board	Ben Sutherland
Committee	Cai Ling Ang
	Richard Archer
	Clare Chandler
	Grant Boston
	Jon van den Beuken
	Lara Matia-Merino
	Graeme Macleod
Branch Correspondent	Allan Main



Victoria Hatton from Food HQ presents in August 2023



Central branch members catch up after a busy year, and for many the only face to face meeting of the year at the Salt & Wood Restaurant in Waikanae in December 2023



Lara and Ji Won persuading the returning Food Tech students at Massey in Palmerston North to join NZIFST in March 2024



Central branch shows how they manage 2 satellite branch locations for Alan Hardarce's FED talk in April 2024

HAWKES BAY POVERTY BAY

Chair	Nicky Solomon
Board	Nicky Solomon
Committee	Bryan Powlesland
	Kirin Harrison
External Organisation	Andrew Cleland

NELSON

This Branch is currently in recess.

CANTERBURY

Chairman	Michelle Neyra
Vice-chair	Jasmin Estrera
Treasurer	Chris Davis
Minutes Secretary	Charlotte Sullivan
Membership Secretary	Yukiko Wadamori
Board	Michelle Neyra
Committee	Craig Houston
	Janette Busch
	Rex Johnstone
	Bob Olayo
	Margot Richards
	Steph Herbert
Branch Correspondent	Margot Richards
Student Rep	Olivia Goodwillie
	Grace Carter



The freshly elected Canterbury Westland Branch Committee in May 2023



Dave Rout regales the Canterbury Westland Branch AGM with tales of ice cream May 2023



Jasmin Estrera hosted the branch members at Meadow Mushrooms in October 2023



Oji Fibres hosted the Canterbury Westland Branch in April 2024

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND

Chair	Graham Eyres
Secretary	Biniam Kebede
Treasurer	Brigitte Legg
Board	Pat Silcock
Committee	Anne Gatenby
	Aladin Bekhit
	Dominic Agyei
Southland rep	Matt Steven
Student Rep	Hannah Brown
Student Rep	Jessica O'Connor
Student Rep	Rebecca Roberts
Social Media	Supriya Sally



The Otago Southland Branch were lucky to host Professor Erich Windhab from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich in Nov 2023. Professor Windhab (3rd from right in the back row) spoke about “Ultra-processed foods – fact and fiction, in the context of Food Process Engineering to optimise food quality” The FED talk was well attended locally and online.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

EHEDG NZ



The New Zealand Regional Section of EHEDG functions within the EHEDG operating rules of a not-for-profit organisation in the Netherlands and follows their missions and guidelines but with specific objectives for New Zealand which include:

- Establishing sector group engagement re membership of EHEDG.
- Establish an education training network for delivery of EHEDG training modules.
- Acknowledge the expertise of the global EHEDG community and to promote the capability of NZ experts to be part of Guideline development by participation in Working Groups.
- Support Food Manufacturers and Equipment Suppliers to meet new J1 & J2 GFSI Hygienic Design Benchmark Requirements through targeted media awareness and training packages (introduced 2023).

Activities

- EHEDG had a booth at the NZIFST 2022 Conference in Dunedin.
- Established full membership of MSENZ (Maintenance Engineering Society of New Zealand) and NZBC (New Zealand Beverage Council) with profile pieces and EHEDG links on respective websites. David Lowry planning to sit on the Technical Committee for NZBC in 2025.
- Formed collaborative mutual recognition partnerships with the Allergen Bureau, and NZ Stainless Steel. Development Association with the aim of joint membership activities and promotion of each other's events or publications.
- Attended the FoodTech PackTech Convention in September sharing a stand with NZIFST. David Lowry delivered a 1-hour seminar session on Hygienic Design Risk Management and the new GFSI Hygienic Design Benchmark Requirements.
- EHEDG constructed a large interactive display unit showcasing key hygienic design principles (both good and bad examples) which was introduced at FTPT with strong interest. Shane Mason (EHEDG Trainer) designed and built the unit with a major contribution from Pentair NZ. The unit has since been used at the Advanced Hygienic Design Course in Christchurch in April.
- Delivered the new format EHEDG 3.5-day Advanced Hygienic Design Course at WINTEC in Hamilton from 30th October to 2nd November to 22 delegates (13 from Food Manufacturing, 8 from Process Engineering/ Equipment Supplier sector). The extended format proved very successful with greater opportunity for interaction during the training and amongst the delegates.
- Delivered the new format EHEDG 3.5-day Advanced Hygienic Design Course to 17 delegates (11 Food Processors, 4 from the Process Engineering / Equipment Supplier sector, and 2 service providers) in Christchurch 2nd-5th April 2024.
- While having run two courses per year in the previous two years, registrations were difficult to set up for the April 2024 course and it is uncertain whether a second course will be run in 2024 given the current tight economy. Revenue from the courses fund other EHEDG activities across the year.
- David Lowry as New Zealand Chairperson was unable to attend the EHEDG Plenary Meeting in Istanbul at the last minute through illness. Both Shane Mason and David plan to attend the Plenary and World Congress in Nantes France in October 2024.
- David Lowry is a member of three EHEDG Working Groups: Training and Education, Hygienic Design for Meat Processing Guideline development and Hygienic Design of Food Factory Guideline Suite (4) development. He is also on the Scientific Committee for the EHEDG World Congress.

David Lowry FNZIFST is the current Chair of the NZ EHEDG Committee.

<https://ehedg.co.nz/new-zealand/ehedg-new-zealand/>

NZIFST ROLL OF HONOUR

J.C. Andrews Award

This, the Institute's most prestigious award, is presented annually in memory of Massey University's first Chancellor, Dr John Clark Andrews, who proposed that a food technology degree course be established at Massey University.

Dr Andrews conceived the idea for the degree and to give the idea form, Massey University appointed the then senior engineer of the Dairy Research Institute, Kelvin Scott, as the first Professor of Food Technology, followed by Dick Earle (then senior engineer of the Meat Research Institute (MIRINZ)) as the first Professor of Biotechnology. The ethos of food technology established at Massey in the mid-1960s was the intertwining of three strands:

- Food Science
- Food Engineering
- Business

Technology occurs where “know what” of science meets the “know how” of engineering in business. Massey distinguished itself from the two engineering schools of the day in that it was about earning from creative endeavour rather than from infrastructure spending. When accreditation of engineering degrees began in the early 1980s Massey always sat outside the accreditation process despite the strong engineering ethos in the food technology programme.

The NZIFST's JC Andrews Award recognises Institute members who have made a substantial contribution to science and technology and leadership in the food industry.

The recipients of the J C Andrews award are a roll call of the men and women who, between them, have enriched our food processing and manufacturing history through their huge contributions to the vigour of the New Zealand food industry. They come from all sectors of the industry, from meat to dairy to produce, from academia to research to service to manufacturing.

Each year the recipient is invited to give a key note address on a topic of their choice at the NZIFST annual conference. They may speak of their careers, their research or philosophise about the industry – i.e. about whatever they like, it is their choice. The only proviso is that they also acknowledge Dr JC Andrews in their address.

The recipient is also expected to prepare their oral address as a written paper for publication in the Institute's official journal, *FoodNZ*.

1967	Dr Garth M Wallace	1996	Prof Laurence D Melton
1968	Mr Peter A McConnon	1997	Mr Arthur D Wilson
1969	Mr A (Bert) E Macartney	1998	Dr Hester R Cooper
1970	Mr Stan G Brooker	1999	(No Award)
1971	Mr A G Robinson	2000	Dr Sally K Hasell
1972	Mr C Malcolm Driver	2001	Mr Geoff Tempest
1973	Mr Sam L Oldfield	2002	Dr Laurence Eyres
1974	Mr George Strachan	2003	Dr Barry C Richardson
1975	Mr Ralph H McCraw	2004	(No Award)
1976	Prof Richard (Dick) L Earle	2005	Mr Gerry Townsend
1977	Mr Peter L Chappell	2006	Dr Kevin R Marshall
1978	Mr A Harry Lewin	2007	Prof Ray J Winger
1979	Dr Mary D Earle	2008	Dr Mike E Mathews
1980	Mr Nick E Jarman	2009	Dr Andrew C Cleland
1981	Mr R (Bob) W Cawley	2010	Dr Janis E Swan
1982	Dr C Lester Davey	2011	Dr Harjinder Singh
1983	Mr Max Grainer	2012	Dr Gordon L Robertson
1984	Dr Peter S Robertson	2013	Mr Torben Sorensen
1985	Mr Naylor Collie	2014	Dr Richard H Archer
1986	Prof J Kelvin Scott	2015	Mr Dean TJ Stockwell
1987	Mrs Mary A Lewin	2016	Mr Rob D Archibald
1988	Mr Norman Lodge	2017	Mr David (Roy) Biggs
1989	Prof E (Ted) L Richards	2018	Dr Conrad O Perera
1990	Mr Jim S Fraser	2019	Dr Marie Wong
1991	Mr Hugh G Ivory	2020	Dr Phil J Bremer
1992	Mr Richard (Dick) J Hubbard	2021	Mrs Margot Buick
1993	Mr Graeme R Leith	2022	Dr Anne D Perera
1994	Dr Peter Meredith	2023	Dr John Brooks
1995	Prof Ken J Kirkpatrick		

Honorary Fellows of the NZIFST

1969	Dr F Brian Shorland	1985	Mr A Harry Lewin
1972	Mr Jack F Kefford	1992	Mr Ronald O Hooker
1975	Mr Stan G Brooker	1994	Prof Mary D Earle
1978	Dr Joe H Hulse	2005	Mr Doug McGilvary
1979	Mr Florian C Majorack		
	Dr Magnus A Pyke		
	Dr Garth M Wallace		

Guest Fellows of the NZIFST

1983	Dr Joe M Regenstien	1985	Dr Richard Hall
1985	Dr Keith T H Farrer	2022	Mrs H Rosemary Hancock

Fellows of the NZIFST

Fellowship is an honour bestowed upon a member to recognise their substantial contribution, or outstanding service, to the profession of food science and technology. A Fellow is recognised for their work in one or more of the following areas:

- Research and development leading to creation of new knowledge,
- Technology transfer and education,
- Development/promotion of the food industry (e.g. of ethical standards and public image)
- Significant development of the affairs of the Institute, its Branches or Divisions.

1967	Prof J Kelvin Scott	1983	Dr Gordon L Robertson	1995	Prof Andrew C Cleland
1968	Mr T A Thomson	1984	Mr Richard (Dick) J Hubbard		Mrs Fiona J Nyhof
	Dr Garth M Wallace		Mr Graeme B Latimer	1996	Mr Dennis J Thomas
1969	Mr Stan G Brooker		Mr Norman Lodge		Miss Jeannette Samundsen
	Dr John McDougall	1985	Dr Ken J Kirkpatrick		Mrs Ingrid Chettleburgh
1970	Mr C Malcolm Driver	1986	Dr Laurence Eyres	1997	Mrs Winna J Harvey
	Mr A Harry Lewin		Mr Graeme R Leith		Mr Chris N Newey
	Mr G (Jock) M Tunnicliffe	1987	Mr Richard S Boraman	1998	Dr Grant MacDonald
1971	Mr R (Bob) W Cawley		Dr Hester R Cooper		Mr Howard S Moore
	Mr Peter L Chappell		Mr Jim L Gordon		Mrs Tanya Reid
	Mr A (Bert) E Macartney	1987	Dr Laurence D Melton		(nee Beggs)
	Mr Peter A McConnon	1988	Mr Robin M Fenwick	1999	Mr Geoff R Tempest
1973	Dr Mary D Earle		Dr David Forss	2000	Dr Geoffrey P Savage
1975	Mr H Don Baker		Mr Peter J Smith	2001	Prof Jean-Pierre Dufour
	Mr Lewis C Baker		Mr Gary J Stichbury		Mr David B Rout
	Prof Richard (Dick) L Earle		Mr Jerry J Wellington	2002	Mr Michael Turner
	Mr Max Grainer	1989	Mr Arthur S Ballantyne	2003	Mrs Anny Dentener
	Mr Ralph H McCraw		Dr Richard Beyer		Mr Paul Harrison
	Mr Sam L Oldfield		Dr Peter Meredith		Mr Peter K Hawkins
	Prof E (Ted) L Richards		Mrs Pamela R Williams		Mrs Kay McMath
	Mr George Strachan	1990	Mr Graeme M Keeley		Mr Geoff A Webster
1976	Mr John W Dryden	1991	Dr Allan M Anderson	2004	Ms Jenny S Dee
	Mr Don W King		Dr John D Brooks		Mr David S Munro
	Mr Alistair McKissock		Mr Dean T J Stockwell		Dr Eric L Wilson
	Dr Peter M Nottingham		Mrs Elizabeth M Timms	2005	Dr Richard H. Archer
	Mr Max B Rands	1992	Dr Sally K Hasell		Mr Michael J Barker
	Dr Peter S Robertson		Mrs Judith Newell		Mr Rod J Bennett
	Mr Arthur E Yarrall		Dr Anne D Perera		Dr Chris G Bloore
1977	Mr Jim S Fraser		Dr Conrad O Perera		Mr Lynton A Bridger
	Dr Edwin Hove		Mr Torben Sorensen		Dr P A Euan Cant
	Mr Nick E Jarman	1993	Mrs Margot I Buick		Mrs Carol A Cullen
	Mrs Mary A Lewin		Mrs Marion V Cumming		Mr Phil R Fawcett
	(nee Humphries)		Mr Gerard P Hall		Mr Robert Franks
1978	Mr Ronald O Hooker		Mr R G Thornton		Dr Howard A Heap
1979	Dr John L Sumner		Prof David H Buisson		Mr Peter G Hobman
1980	Dr C Lester Davey	1994	Dr Sheelagh A Hewitt		Mr Selwyn Jebson
	Mr Hugh G Ivory		Prof Peter A Munro		Dr Kevin R Marshall
	Mr Leith L Thompson		Mr Gerry W Townsend		Dr Mike E Matthews
1981	Mr Peter W Jarvis		Prof Ray J Winger		Dr Owen J McCarthy
1982	Mr Arthur D Wilson				

2006	Mr Max F Parkin	2009	Dr Lynette R Ferguson	2015	Dr Charles Brennan
	Dr Barry Richardson		Ms Sandra J Murray		Mrs Paulette Elliott
	Mr Ron W Russell		Mr Kevin R Palfreyman		Mrs Debbie Hawkes
	Mr C Ramsey Southward		Mrs Lesley M Steeples		Mr Allan Main
	Mr Mike W Taylor	2010	Dr John E Bronlund		Miss Sally Ostick
	Dr Norm A Thomson		Mr Graham C Fletcher	2016	Mr Graeme J Absalom
	Mr Charlie Towler		Mr S R (Spring)		Dr Alaa El-din (Aladin)
	Mr Peter W Wood		Humphreys		Bekhit
	Dr Dave J Woodhams		Ms Toni L Hunt		Mr Clive Bleaken
	Mrs Carol A Barnao		Dr Owen A Young		Mr Gary Broome
2007	Mr Bryce R Bartley	2011	Mr David (Roy) Biggs	2017	Mrs Sandra Chambers
	Mr Tom Bruynel		Dr Hong Chen		Dr Nazimah Hamid
	Mr Alan Bulmer		Dr Steve H Flint		Dr Alice Makardij
	Mr Brian C Gadsby		Mr George A Miller		Dr Indrawati Oey
	Mr Paul A Hofland	2012	Mrs Ann M Hayman		Dr Teck Lok Wong
	Mr Craig G Honoré		Mr David P Lowry	2018	Mr Allan Hardacre
	Dr Miang H Lim		Dr Kenneth R Morison		Dr Lee Huffman
	Prof Harjinder Singh		Dr Siew Young Quek		Dr Tony Mutukumira
	Prof Janis E Swan		Mr Thomas R Robertson	2019	Mr Jonathan Cox
	Mrs Helen M Tervit		Mrs Anne M Scott		Mr Mike Foster
	Mr Paul S Tocker		Mr Rolf van Essen		Mr Peter Bosch
	Mr Andy Williams		Mr Rodney J Wong	2020	Mrs Clare Chandler
	Dr L Andrew Hudson	2013	Dr Young Mee Yoon		Dr Matt Golding
2008	Mrs Carol J Pound		Mr Alan J Baldwin		Dr Paul Moughan
	Mr David R Salthouse		Dr Edward (John) Birch		Dr Don Otter
	Dr Marie Wong		Mr Ross J Davies		Mr Colin Pitt
	Mr Julian K Yee		(Posthumously)		Dr David Tanner
	Dr Rob D Archibald		Mr David Illingworth	2021	Mr Richard Gray
	Mrs Judith E Barker		Mr Keith J Johnston		Dr Miranda Miroso
	Prof Philip J Bremer		Dr Margot A Skinner	2022	Dr Skelte Anema
	Prof Donald J Cleland	2014	Dr Michael J Boland		Mr David Bayliss
	Dr David W Everett		Mrs Sarina A Carson		Ms Lynley Drummond
	Mr David L Pooch		Mr Peter J Cressey		Dr Lara Matia-Merino
	Dr Barbara M Thomson		Dr Paul A Kilmartin		Ms Lynne Scanlen
	Mr John W van den		Mr David H Platts	2023	Hamish Conway
	Beuken		Dr Dongxiao Sun-		Jasmin Estrera
	Dr Neil W Walker		Waterhouse		Rebecca Klee



New Fellows Hamish Conway (Auckland), Jasmin Estrera (Canterbury Westland) & Rebecca Klee (Hawkes Bay Tairāwhiti) (in absentia), received their Fellowships at the Awards Dinner held in Dunedin, from NZIFST President Phil Bremer (centre), as part of the 2023 Conference.

Life Membership

Introduced in 2019, Life Membership is a complimentary membership available to retired members with 40+ years of membership with the NZIFST. In addition to the following current Life Members, there are many more members who have supported the Institute for 40+ years but who are still contributing significantly within the food industry and so have not wished to take up this membership level yet. The Institute acknowledges the significant support of all our long-term members.

Graeme Absalom FNZIFST

John Allingham

Allan Anderson FNZIFST

Judith Barker FNZIFST

Eileen Basher MNZIFST

Rod Bennett FNZIFST

John Brooks FNZIFST

Margot Buick FNZIFST

Nancy Carr MNZIFST

Andrew Cleland FNZIFST

Carol Cullen FNZIFST

Marion Cumming FNZIFST

Richard Earle ONZM, FNZIFST

Laurence Eyres FNZIFST

Michael Foster FNZIFST

James Fraser FNZIFST

Stuart Gray MNZIFST

Neil Gunn

Gerard Hall FNZIFST

Rosemary Hancock FNZIFST

Robert Hardie

Winifred Harvey FNZIFST

Peter Hawkins FNZIFST

Howard Heap FNZIFST

Gary Hodgson MNZIFST

Hugh Ivory FNZIFST

Des Johnston MNZIFST

Graeme Keeley FNZIFST

Bruce Kirk MNZIFST

Graeme Leith FNZIFST

Norman Lodge FNZIFST

Owen McCarthy FNZIFST

Ralph McCraw FNZIFST

Laurence Melton FNZIFST

Peter Nixon MNZIFST

James Pendleton

Conrad Perera FNZIFST

David Pooch FNZIFST

Joe Regenstein FNZIFST

Judith Richardson

Gordon Robertson FNZIFST

Peter Robertson FNZIFST

Thomas Robertson FNZIFST

Torben Sorensen FNZIFST

Brian Stedman MNZIFST

Janis Swan MNZM, FNZIFST

Mike Taylor FNZIFST

Paul Tocker FNZIFST

Gerald Townsend FNZIFST

Bruce Trass MNZIFST

Antonius Urselmann MNZIFST

Neil Walker FNZIFST

Jeremy Wellington FNZIFST

Raymond Winger FNZIFST

Peter Wood FNZIFST

Alexander Young MNZIFST

Distinguished Service Award

This award recognises ongoing distinguished service and contribution to any sector of the food industry, or support over a long period, above the normal line of duty. The recipient does not have to be a member of NZIFST and may be currently active in their field of endeavour or retired, but the industry will have enjoyed substantial benefits from their work. The Distinguished Service Award may be awarded to one or more individuals in any year.

2009	Hugh Little – for services to the dairy industry
2010	Ken J Kirkpatrick – for services to the dairy industry Max F Parkin – for services to the dairy industry
2011	Andrew Ferrier – for services to the dairy industry
2012	Kevin R Marshall – for services to the dairy industry
2013	(No Award)
2014	John Wood – for services to the dairy industry
2015	Rod Bennett – for services to the dairy industry
2016	David Illingworth – for services to the dairy industry
2017	Paul McGilvary – for services to the dairy industry
2018	Keith (KJ) Johnston – for services to the dairy industry Brian Wilkinson – for services to the meat industry
2019	Dave Rout – for services to the wider food industry
2020	Norman Lodge – for research and leadership in fruit processing and food safety Hamish Kennedy – for his invention and innovation in the horticultural industry Dennis Thomas – for comprehensive regulatory support to the food industry
2021	Allan Main – for leadership in the dairy industry and management of Intellectual property
2022	(No Award)
2023	Craig Honoré – for leadership in the Cheese Industry and Commitment to Food Industry Professionals.

NZIFST Award for Leadership in the Food Industry

This award recognises leadership excellence within the food industry during exceptional circumstances, or for a notably sustained period. This award recognises leadership that is considered to be above and beyond “business as usual” for the position held by the award recipient.

2015	Joy Thompson (BEO Bakels)
2016	Scott Gallacher (MPI)
2017	(No award)
2018	Dongxiao Sun-Waterhouse (University of Auckland)
2019	Andy Williams (Fonterra)
2020	(No award)
2021	(No award)
2022	(No award)
2023	(No award)

Exemplary Services Award (1993–2010)

This occasional award recognised a member who had given exceptional service to the Institute.

1993	Ms Frances A Bostock	2002	Mrs Allison L Oosterman
1994	Mr Peter K Hawkins	2008	Mrs Marion V Cumming
1995	Mr Graeme Summers	2010	Mr Ronald O Hooker
1998	Mr Paul A Harrison		

Award replaced by the RON HOOKER Award for Exemplary Service

Ron Hooker Award

This award was established in 2014 to honour and recognise the outstanding contribution given by Ron Hooker (Canterbury Branch) to the NZIFST since its formation in 1965. The purpose of the award is to recognise a member's significant past or current service or contribution to the NZIFST, developing the affairs of the Institute, its branches or divisions.

Guidelines for selecting the winner of this award include:

- (a) Leadership of a branch or division or other committee over an extended period of time or through difficult circumstances.
- (b) Extensive service as a Branch Secretary, Treasurer or committee member.
- (c) Significant support for, and promotion of, membership of NZIFST to people in the food industry
- (d) Significant mentoring of student or younger members of the Institute

2014	Mrs Sandra J Chambers (Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay Branch)
2015	Mrs Winna J Harvey (Canterbury Branch)
2016	Mr David L Pooch (Auckland Branch)
2017	Mrs Margot Buick (Waikato Branch)
2018	Mr Craig Honoré (Central Branch)
2019	Ms Augusta van Wijk (Nelson Branch)
2020	Jasmin Estrera (Canterbury Branch)
2021	(No award)
2022	Pat Silcock (Otago-Southland branch)
2023	Fiona Nyhof (Otago/Southland Branch)

Emerging Leader Award

Originally known as the NZIFST Young Technologist Award, the award was Introduced in 2015 to recognise and encourage a young technologist/scientist/engineer for their endeavour or achievement, and leadership potential, within the food industry. In 2022, the Young Technologist Award was merged with the IFT's Emerging Leader Programme award and the monetary support to attend a conference or professional development course of the winner's choosing was increased. All sectors of the food industry and all roles are eligible but recipients must be a current Standard or Professional member of NZIFST with at least 3 years continuous membership and aged 30 years or under.

NZIFST Young Technologist Award

2016	Nurul Kusumaningrum	(Goodman Fielder New Zealand Ltd)
2017	Esraa El Shall	(Fonterra Brands Tip Top)
2018	Yi-Chern Lee	(Fonterra)
2019	Marianna MacEwen	(Fruco Suntory)
2020	Neala Hart	(Fruco Suntory)
2021	Qiwei (Lucy) Yang	

Emerging Leader Award

2022	Sarah Leakey (Sensient Technologies)
2023	(No award)

The Food Tech Solutions Undergraduate Writing Competition

(Prior to 2017, known as the **NZIFST Essay Competition**)

The competition goal is to provide all students studying Food Science, Food Technology or Consumer Food Science, and who are in their final year of their degree programme, the opportunity to communicate their opinions on scientific developments to consumers in a clear and interesting manner and to promote the development of communication skills. Students may write on any technical subject or latest development in food science and technology that they consider will be of interest to consumers. Winning entries are published in *Food New Zealand* journal.

2011	Alyssa Wells (Massey University)
2012	Laura Lobb (Massey University)
2013	Sarah Lewington (Massey University)
2014	Gabrielle Cooper (Massey University)
2015	Katie Watts (Massey University)
2016	(No award)
2017	Claudia Clarkson (University of Otago)
2018	Jessica Chong (Massey University)
2019	Ashleigh Martin (Massey University)
2020	Ha-Young Kim (Massey University)
2021	Bianca Kirk (Massey University)
2022	Brian Thong (University of Otago)
2023	Erin Lau (University of Auckland)

MASSEY UNIVERSITY PRIZES

J Kelvin Scott Memorial Under-Graduate Prize

This prize is awarded annually in memory of Professor Kelvin Scott, the founding professor of food technology at Massey University in 1961, and the founder of the Institute. The winner is the student in the Food Process Engineering or Food Product Technology major of the Bachelor of Food Technology (Honours) degree at Massey University who scores the highest grades in the subject area of food process engineering at the 300 (third year) level.

1993	Lucy Sinclair	2009	Joshua Wilkinson
	Selma Dekker	2010	Alexandra Shand
1994	Pania Hammond	2011	Alice Smialowska
1995	Matthew Steven	2012	Campbell John Ellison
1996	Fiona M Hutchinson	2013	Caitlin Christina Briasco
	Mark B Litchfield	2014	Duc Toan Do
1997	John R Evans	2015	Katharina Wulandari
1999	Nicholas J Smale	2016	Syn Yun Phee
2000	Emily Thomas	2017	Nicholas Bradley Walker
2001	Eleanor Smith	2018	Ji Won Yoon
2002	Amy Overington	2019	Livinia Valencia Ngadi
2003	David Bryant	2020	Kelly Ngan
2004	Samuel Harper	2021	Xinyan (Sunny) Deng
2005	Mingyi Huang	2022	Megan Ross
2006	Andrea J McLeod	2023	TBC
2007	(Unknown)		
2008	Adrian Hoggard		

NZIFST Prize for Best 4th Year Individual Project Oral Presentation for BFoodTech (Hons) students

	<i>Albany Campus</i>	<i>Turitea Campus</i>
2017	Soomin Ha	Stephanie Kate Gunn
2018	Luyi Gao	Madison Stratton
2019	Tania Thamrin	Rosie Graham
2020	Lan Luo	Nan Zhang
2021	Alice Mai	Bianca Kirk
2022	Julia Ling	Xinyan (Sunny) Deng
2023	N/A	TBC

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO PRIZES

NZIFST Under-Graduate Prize: Food Science (BSc) – Top Student in penultimate (2nd) year

1992	Carleen McLean	2002	Helen J Connor	2012	Marianna E McEwan
1993	Lisa H Wong		Samuel P Heenan	2013	Alistair Richardson
1994	Georgina A Klarwill	2003	Joanne K Sowman	2014	(no award)
	Siobhan Reid		Lisa M Potter	2015	Mai Ono
1995	Jo Ellen R Deters	2004	Renee A Wilson	2016	Olivia Finer
	Nicola Rimmer	2005	Wendy Gan	2017	Emily J Stone
1996	Tersha C Coppell		Gemma Haywood	2018	Juliet Helen Petre
	Joanne M Francis	2006	Estee Mathias	2019	Varvara (Varya) Pavlova
1997	Benjamin J Lampen	2007	Helen Riley	2020	Brian Jia Wei Thong
	Shirani B Nugara	2008	Lauren Edmonds	2021	Charlotte Louise Wyatt
1998	Nancy W de Bueger	2009	Sze Ying Leong	2022	Marco Reeve Lars Davis
2000	Graham T Eyres	2010	Charlotte Vincent	2023	Sophia P Hynds
2001	Kimberley H Grant	2011	Man long (Jermy) Lei		

NZIFST Under-Graduate Prize: Consumer Food Science (BAppSc)

Top Student in 200 level BAppSc in Consumer Food Science major requirements

2009	Lauren Elise Hockings	2014	(no award)	2019	Saskia Josephine Stone
2010	Katie Kenneally	2015	Wee Eu (Eunice) Wang	2020	Devon Jane Willis
2011	Dana Alice Smyth	2016	Katie Henderson	2021	Ella Constance Zwagerman
2012	Stephanie R Rigter	2017	Sabrina Leung	2022	Kim Elisabeth Shanks
2013	Ashleigh Crowley	2018	Joy Fenghua Sim	2023	Emily Jane Kippenberger

NZIFST Under-Graduate Prize: Food Innovation (BAppSc) –

Top Student in penultimate (3rd) year

2009	Carolyn Marie Jolly
2010	(no award)
2011	Steffi Supangkat
2012	(no award)
2013	Olivia Glazebrook

No longer awarded

AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY PRIZE

NZIFST Under-Graduate Prize for Food Science

2008	Christian Pruckner
2009	Michael Sarmiento

THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND PRIZE

NZIFST Under-Graduate Prize for Food Science

Awarded annually to the full-time Food Science major who has achieved the best grades overall at completion of Part II of the degree and has achieved a grade of A- or above in FOODSCI 201.

2009	Louise Tolenaars	2015	Magda Teresa Rosin	2021	Lilian Zhang
2011	Jeffrey Tang	2018	Mei Kim Tay	2022	Juliane Gillespie
	Martha Arifin	2019	Bohan Zhang	2023	TBC
2014	Marie Quayle	2020	Cindy Huang		

OFFICERS OF THE NZIFST

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY / TREASURER
1964 (Aug)	Prof J Kelvin Scott (Convenor)		Dr Garth M Wallace
1965 (May)	Prof J Kelvin Scott		Dr Garth M Wallace
1966 (May)	Prof J Kelvin Scott		Dr Garth M Wallace
1967 (May)	Mr R (Bob) W Cawley	Dr Garth M Wallace	Dr John McDougall
1968 (May)	Mr R (Bob) W Cawley	Dr Garth M Wallace	Dr John McDougall
1969 (May)	Dr Garth M Wallace	Mr Stan G Brooker	Dr John McDougall
1970 (May)	Dr Garth M Wallace	Mr Stan G Brooker	Mr Sam L Oldfield
1971 (May)	Mr Stan G Brooker	Mr Peter A McConnon	Mr Sam L Oldfield
1972 (May)	Mr Stan G Brooker	Mr Peter A McConnon	Mr Sam L Oldfield
1973 (May)	Mr A Harry Lewin	Mr Gordon L Robertson	Mrs Carol M Pendleton
			SECRETARY
1974 (May)	Mr A Harry Lewin	Mr Gordon L Robertson	Mrs Carol M Pendleton
			TREASURER
1975 (May)	Mr Gordon L Robertson	Mr Nick E Jarman	Mr Dave L Pooch
1976 (Apr)	Mr Gordon L Robertson	Mr Nick E Jarman	Miss Jill P Knightbridge
			Miss Jill P Knightbridge
			Dr Stan H Richert
			SECRETARY / TREASURER
1977 (May)	Mr Hugh G Ivory	Dr John L Sumner	Mr Gary J Stichbury
1978 (May)	Mr Hugh G Ivory	Dr John L Sumner	Mr Gary J Stichbury
			SECRETARY
1979 (May)	Mr Richard (Dick) J Hubbard	Mr Graeme R Leith	Mr Terry Atkinson
1980 (Jun)	Mr Richard (Dick) J Hubbard	Mr Graeme R Leith	Mr Terry Atkinson
1981 (May)	Mr Graeme R Leith	Mr Torben Sorensen	Mr Mike J Kerridge
1982 (May)	Mr Graeme R Leith	Mr Torben Sorensen	Mr Mike J Kerridge
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1984 (May)	Mr Torben Sorensen	Mr Gary J Stichbury	Miss Anne M Galloway
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1964 – May	First Residential Food Technology Conference	Palmerston North		Massey University
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1972 – May	1st Joint AIFST/NZIFST	AIFST, Queensland		Surfers Paradise
1973 – May	Technology Week Conference	Palmerston North		Massey University
1974 – May	10th Annual Conference & 1st NZIFST Conference	Palmerston North	Anne Goldman	Massey University
1975 – May	11th Annual Conference & 2nd NZIFST Conference	Palmerston North	Gordon Robertson	Massey University
1976 – April	2nd Joint AIFST/NZIFST	Auckland	Leith Thompson	Rotorua
1977 – May	13th Annual Conference	Palmerston North	Greg Ball	Massey University
1978 – May	‘Nutritech 78’ – Joint conference with: Nutrition Soc NZ; NZ Diabetic Assn; NZ Soc for Study of Diabetes	Canterbury	Don Hayes	Lincoln
1979 – May	‘QV97 (Quo Vadis)’	Joint Auckland/NZOQA	Jim Gordon	North Shore
1980 – June	3rd Joint AIFST/NZIFST ‘Food Odyssey – 2001’	AIFST, Sydney		Sydney, Australia
1981 – May	‘Resources ‘81’	Otago/Southland	Graeme Leith	Dunedin
1982 – May	‘Profitability’	Wellington	Gordon Robertson	Wellington
1983 – May	‘Endeavour’	Poverty Bay/East Coast		Gisborne
1984 – May	‘Conference 1984’	Auckland		Wairakei
1985 – May	4th Joint AIFST/NZIFST ‘FOODANZA’	Canterbury	Hugh Ivory	Christchurch
1986 – May	‘Update’	Wellington	Murray Croft	Wellington
1987 – May	‘Interact’ – Joint conference with Nutrition Soc NZ	Otago/Southland	Laurie Melton	Dunedin
1988 – May	‘Innovate’	Manawatu	Dean Stockwell	Palmerston North
1989 – May	‘Foodlink’	Auckland	Ingrid Chettleburgh	Rotorua
1990 – May	5th Joint AIFST/NZIFST ‘Food Pacific’	AIFST, Queensland	Richard Mason	Surfers Paradise, Australia
1991 – May	‘Crossroads’	Canterbury & Nelson	Alison Buchanan	Nelson
1992 – May	‘Capital Fare’ – Joint conference with NZ Biotechnology Assn	Wellington	Dennis Thomas	Wellington
1993 – May	‘Asian Afare’	Otago/Southland	Margot Buick	Queenstown
1994 – May	‘The Customer Interface’	Wellington	Bruce Adam	Rotorua
1995 – May	6th Joint AIFST/NZIFST ‘Bridging 2000 and Beyond’	Auckland	Frances Bostock	Auckland
1996 – July	‘Southern Connection’ – Joint conference with NZ Biotechnology Assn	Canterbury	Virginia Humphrey-Taylor	Lincoln
1997 – July	‘Green Food’ – Joint conference with NZ Institute of Packaging	Manawatu & Hawke Bay/ Poverty Bay	Bryan Powlesland & Lynley Drummond	Napier
1998 – July	‘Food at the Centre of NZ’ – Joint conference with Nutrition Soc NZ	Nelson	Grant MacDonald	Nelson
1999 – July	‘Capitalising on Food Safety’	Wellington	Rachel Harvie	Wellington
2000 – Oct	‘HORIZONS MM’ – Joint conference with MIRINZ	Auckland & MIRINZ	Julie Watson	Auckland
2001 – Aug	‘2001: A Food Odyssey’	Otago Southland	Phil Bremer	Dunedin
2002 – Oct	‘Thought for food – celebrating innovative food technology’	Manawatu	Andrew Saunders	Palmerston North
2003 – June	‘Kiwiana - the making of an icon’ – Joint conference with DIANZ	Auckland	Belinda McKenzie	Rotorua

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2004 – June	‘Great Science! Great Food! Building a firm foundation for future success’ – Joint conference with DIANZ	Waikato	David Everett	Hamilton
2005 – June	‘Going global – Food on the move’	Canterbury	Ken Morison	Christchurch
2006 – June	‘Food – Wealth creation for NZ’	Auckland	David Pooch	Auckland
2007 – June	‘Food – the challenges’	Manawatu-Wellington	Charles Brennan	Wellington
2008 – June	‘Food Sustainability’	Auckland	David Powell	Rotorua
2009 – June	‘Food Elements – putting the pieces together’	Canterbury	David Everett	Christchurch
2010 – June	‘Inspiration-Prosperity’	Auckland	Kay McMath	Auckland
2011 – June	‘Science to Reality – NZ and Beyond’	Auckland	Gerard Hall	Rotorua
2012 – June	‘Let’s Talk’	Waikato	Margot Buick	Hamilton
2013 – July	‘Time for Action’	Hawkes Bay Poverty Bay	Gerry Townsend	Hastings
2014 – July	‘Challenges into Opportunities’	Canterbury	Jonathan Cox	Christchurch
2015 – July	50th Anniversary Conference ‘Food – where Business meets Science and Technology’	Central	Don Otter	Palmerston North
2016 – July	‘Setting Direction – Journey from a position of strength’	Auckland	Tanya Reid	Rotorua
2017 – July	‘Produced locally – consumed globally – shaping the future’	Nelson	Augusta van Wijk	Nelson
2018 – July	‘In food we trust – Confidence built on science and technology’	Central	John Brooks	Hamilton
2019 – July	‘Good Food 4’	Canterbury	Paulette Elliott	Christchurch
2020 – Aug	20th IUFoST/NZIFST World Congress ‘20/20 Vision – Food for a changing world: Safe Secure Sustainable’	<i>Congress cancelled due to COVID19</i>	Andrew Cleland, Jonathan Cox, Gordon Robertson	Auckland
2021 – July	‘Food – With Care <i>Kai – me te whakaaro nui</i> ’	Central	Don Otter	Palmerston North
2022 – July	‘Collaboration – Building New Zealand Inc’	Waikato	Rob Archibald	Rotorua
2023 – July	Food in a Changing World	Otago-Southland	Graham Eyres	Dunedin
2024 – July	Diversity in the Food Industry	Waikato	Rob Archibald	Hamilton

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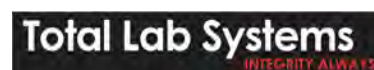
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