



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
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## Food Diversity Innovation Program Symposium

### *"Current Trends in the Food Industry- Challenges and Strategies"*

In conjunction with [Longhorn IFT Annual Supplier's Night](#)

Nov. 17, 2022

Venue: Rooms-Hamilton and Lebanon

[Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco Hotel](#), 7600 John Q. Hammons Drive, Frisco, Texas 75034

## PROGRAM

8:30 a.m.- 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Coffee
9:00 a.m.- 9:15 a.m.	<i>Welcome and Introduction</i> , <b>Joseph Awika</b> , Ph.D. (Department Head, Food Science and Technology, Texas A&M University)
9:15 a.m.- 9:45 a.m.	<i>Clean" and "simple" formulations: What consumers want and what's on the market.</i> <b>Lynn Dornblaser</b> (Director, Innovation & Insight, Mintel)
9:45 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.	<i>Supply Chain Issues in the Food Industry.</i> <b>Jillian McKenny</b> (Supply Chain Director, Cargill Starches, Sweeteners and Texturizers North America) and <b>Debbie Lang</b> (Sr. Supply Chain Director, Cargill Starches, Sweeteners and Texturizers)
10:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	<i>"Near-/ Re-shoring Considerations for Food Supply Chain Resilience: Striking a Balance"</i> <b>Gregory Pompelli</b> , Ph.D. (Director, Cross Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense, A DHS Center of Excellence)
11:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.	<i>Functional Ingredient with Relevance to Halal Food Products.</i> <b>Susanne Talcott</b> , Ph.D. (Associate Professor, Department of Food Science and Technology, Texas A&M University)
11:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	<i>Role of Food Scientists in Religious Food Supply Chain.</i> <b>Mian Riaz</b> , Ph.D. (Associate Department Head, Food Science and Technology, Texas A&M University)

**IFANCA-Student Poster Session and Announcement of Winners**