

NZMS Scientific Food Allergen Seminar 2017

Wednesday 27th September - Program

13.00 – 13.30 pm	Arrival & Registration	
13.30 – 13.45 pm	Welcome note & Introduction	Shrish Latch NZMS
13.45 – 14.45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anaphylaxis, Coeliac Disease and Food Intolerance • Global Allergen Regulations • Best Industry Practice in Supply Chain Validations, Cleaning Validations & Verifications • Introduction to the VITAL[®] Program 	Georgina Christensen Allergen Bureau ANZ
14.45 – 15.00 pm	Q & A session	
15.00 – 15.30 pm	Afternoon Tea	
15.30 – 16.00 pm	Romer Labs & Allergen Kits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allergenic proteins & particular challenges in allergen testing • Romer Labs Allergen Kits 	Yong Wee Liau Romer Labs
16.00 – 16.30 pm	Product Demonstration	Yong Wee Liau Romer Labs
16.30 – 16.45 pm	NZ Industry Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allergen management in a beverage factory; AgraQuant Casein 	Wendy Wong Frucor - Suntory
16.45 – 17.00 pm	NZ Industry Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allergen management in a food factory 	TBC
17.00 – 17.45 pm	End of Session Drink	

Georgina Christensen

Allergen Bureau ANZ



Georgina Christensen is the VITAL[®] Coordinator for the Allergen Bureau and has been in this part-time role for nine years. This position was created to meet the increasing demand for information and support for the VITAL[®] Program which is managed by the Allergen Bureau. In this role, Georgina answers enquiries from the local and international food industry about implementing the VITAL Program, provides support for and develops VITAL[®] Online, the web-based version of the VITAL[®] Calculator and develops support materials for the VITAL Program.

Georgina has extensive experience in the food industry, including in Food Regulations and also in Product Development and Quality Assurance positions with multi-national food companies. Georgina is passionate about allergen management and clear and consistent allergen labelling on food products to assist those with a food allergy to make informed food choices.

Yong Wee Liau

Romer Labs



Yong Wee is the Managing Director of Romer Labs Asia Pacific.

Founded in Washington, MO, in 1982, Romer Labs became over the years a leading provider of diagnostic solutions for the agricultural, food and feed industry.

Today, Romer Labs offers a broad range of innovative diagnostic solutions covering mycotoxins, food pathogens, food allergens, gluten, GMO, veterinary drug residues, and other food contaminants.

The key objective at Romer Labs is to provide scientifically sound, high-quality products and an exceptional service, in line with their mission – Making the World's Food Safer®.