

Our Members

The Advisory Committee of Novel Foods & Processes comprises an independent Chair, and twenty four independent members.

The members of the ACNFP are:

Dr Camilla Alexander-White (Chair)

[Dr Alexander-White](#) is a chemical safety assessor of 25 years' plus experience and strategic advisor to the cosmetics and foods sectors on assuring the safety of product-critical ingredients or contaminants coming under regulatory scrutiny in Europe.

Dr Anton Aldrick

[Dr Aldrick](#) is Special Projects Manager within the Science Division at Campden BRI with over 30 years' experience in food safety.

Professor Susan Fairweather-Tait

[Professor Fairweather-Tait](#) is currently Professor of Human Nutrition at Norwich Medical School, University of East Anglia and has substantial experience as a research scientist gained from industry and the Institute of Food Research.

Professor Paul Fraser

[Professor Fraser](#) is Head of Plant Molecular Sciences, at Royal Holloway University of London. His works cover the disciplines of biochemistry, molecular biology and genetics, and integrative biology.

Professor Wendy Harwood

[Professor Harwood](#) is an Emeritus Fellow at the John Innes Centre (JIC), Norwich. Until December 2023, she was Head of the Crop Transformation Group at JIC

where she also managed the BRACt Crop Transformation / Genome Editing Platform.

Professor Huw Jones

[Professor Jones](#) is Professor of Translational Genomics for Plant Breeding at IBERS Aberystwyth University. His research applies biotechnology approaches to study functional genomics in cereals with a current focus on gene editing.

Dr Elizabeth Lund

[Dr Lund](#) is a freelance consultant in the area of research ethics and nutritional study design. She is currently alternate vice-chair of West London Gene Therapy Advisory Committee and Research Ethics Committee as well as having over 20 years of research experience.

Professor Clare Mills

[Professor Mills](#) is the Professor of Food and Molecular Immunology at the University of Surrey and holds an honorary appointments at the University of Manchester and Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust.

Professor Hans Verhagen

[Professor Verhagen](#) is a Food Safety and Nutrition consultant following his retirement from EFSA in 2020 where he was the Head of the Risk Assessment and Scientific Assistance Department as well as a Senior Scientific Officer.

Dr Ray Kemp

[Dr Kemp](#) is an independent consultant and social scientist specialising in risk perception and communication. He is currently a member of various advisory committees including the UK Department of Health and Social Care's Committee On the Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment (COMARE).

Dr Andy Greenfield

[Dr Greenfield](#) was a Programme Leader in Developmental Genetics at the Medical Research Council (MRC) Harwell Institute for over 25 years where his research made use of cutting-edge genetic technologies to shed light on gene function and disease. He is currently a member of the Regulatory Horizons Council (RHC), the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) and an honorary research fellow at the Nuffield Department of Women's & Reproductive Health, University of Oxford.

Professor Bruce Whitelaw

[Professor Whitelaw](#) is an academic who provides leadership within academia and the animal biotechnology sectors. He holds the Chair of Animal Biotechnology at the University of Edinburgh and was the Director of The Roslin Institute.

Professor Dimitris Charalampopoulos

[Professor Charalampopoulos](#) is a Professor of Food Biotechnology at the University of Reading with research interests in microbial fermentation to produce platform and speciality chemicals, the development of functional food ingredients, as well as the valorisation of food waste and by-products. He is currently Co-Director of the BBSRC Biomass Biorefinery Network (BBNet) and Senior Editor of the journal Food Chemistry

Dr Cathrina Edwards

[Dr Edwards](#) is a Group Leader at the Quadram Institute Biosciences (QIB) leading a research group within the Food, Microbiome and Health programme in Norwich, UK. She also has a PhD in Nutritional Sciences from King's College London.

Professor George Bassel

[Professor Bassel](#) is a Professor of Plant Science at The University of Warwick. His research makes use of molecular and computational approaches towards the targeted improvement of crop plants using gene editing.

Dr Meera Cush

[Dr Cush](#) is a qualified and experienced toxicologist who holds EUROTOX and UK Registered Toxicologist accreditation together with a Chartered Biologist status. She has a BSc (Hons) degree in Biochemistry (Imperial College, London), MSc in

Toxicology and a PhD in Molecular Toxicology focusing on the initiation of carcinogenesis in the lung for chemical mixtures (both from University of Surrey).

Dr Isabel Skypala

[Dr Skypala](#) has worked in the field of food allergy for more than 30 years. She is currently a consultant dietitian at the Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Hospitals, part of Guys & St Thomas NHS Foundation Trust, and runs the food allergy service. She is also an honorary senior clinical lecturer at Imperial College London.

Professor Sophie Foley

[Professor Foley](#) is currently Associate Professor in Microbiology at Edinburgh Napier University with research interests in food/drink fermentations, in particular lactic acid bacteria, and the diversity and potential applications for bacteriophages.

Dr Lynn McIntyre

[Dr McIntyre](#) is a Principal Lecturer in Food Safety at Harper Adams University. She has 30+ years of applied farm-to-fork research experience in Food Microbiology specialising in food production, preservation, and rapid detection methods.

Professor Alastair Macrae

[Professor Macrae](#) is a Senior Lecturer in Farm Animal Health and Production, and Head of the Dairy Herd Health and Productivity Service (DHHPs) at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies at the University of Edinburgh.

Professor Gunter Kuhnle

[Professor Kuhnle](#) is a Professor of Nutrition and Food Science at the University of Reading with over 20 years' experience in nutritional research. His expertise focuses on the development of objective measures of dietary exposure and intake using a range of analytical techniques. He is in particular interested in the health impact of phenolic compounds. He currently serves as Director of the Chemical Analysis Facility (University of Reading).

Professor Paul Haggarty

[Professor Haggarty](#) is a Professor of Nutrition at the Rowett Institute of Nutrition and Health, University of Aberdeen. His research is concerned with epigenetics and nutritional metabolism and the development of novel methods to determine provenance in the human food chain. He is Deputy Lead on a multi-disciplinary, multi-centre UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Action Against Child Stunting hub designed to reduce global undernutrition and stunting in low-income countries. He has served on the UK Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition and the UK The Committee on Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment. His research is funded by Scottish Government and UKRI.