

The Changing Face Of Auditing



**Institute of
Food Science & Technology**

**Western Branch
(South Wales & West of England)**

**Eastwood Park Conference Centre
Falfield, Wotton-under-Edge
Gloucestershire GL12 8DA**

on Thursday 13 October

This Conference has been organised by IFST Western Branch as a consequence of the increasing number of audits that Food Companies have been subjected to in recent years - some of their choosing but others forced upon them.

It is the first time in the UK that a Conference has been organised which is dedicated to the topic of food auditing.

A food audit is usually a stressful event for the management of a food company and the outcome may determine the future success of the business and of an individual's career.

We have assembled an impressive line-up of speakers representing all stakeholders who will ask searching questions about the need, efficacy and frequency of audits.

Some questions

- How frequently should a food business be audited?
- Is frequent auditing helpful for food safety and quality or does it actually create greater risk?
- Are HACCP and the all-important CCPs being buried under a weight of bureaucracy?
- What are the legal requirements?
- What schemes exist and how many are accredited?
- Who does the accrediting and how effective is it?
- Who audits the auditors?

These and many other questions will be addressed by this one day conference which is a timely response to a growing impression in some parts of the industry that it is suffering from audit fatigue and that maybe 'enough is enough'.

Who Should Attend?

Food Retail Directors and Managers, Food Auditing Professionals, Local Authority Environmental Health Officers, Food Company Directors, Food Factory Managers, Quality Assurance Specialists, Hygiene Officers, Food Consultants.

The conference will give attendees a better understanding of the food auditing landscape in the UK, the various organisations involved in auditing and accreditation, the legal requirements and the qualifications, credibility and competence of the auditors themselves. It is a unique opportunity for the various stakeholders to discuss the many issues associated with the food auditing process and will open up an important dialogue between those on the giving and the receiving ends of the auditing process.

Exhibition

There will also be a small exhibition from companies presenting products and services available for food auditing.



Programme & Speakers

08.15	Registration, Coffee and Trade Exhibition
Morning Session - The Legal Imperative	
09.00	Welcome and Introduction Brian Hendley – Conference and Session Chairman 'Setting the Scene'
09.15	Why Are We Where We Are? - The Origins and Development of Third Party Verification Kevin Swoffer, Director KPS Resources (Former Head of Technical Services BRC)
09.45	The Legal Imperative Dr Louise Manning, LJM Associates Ltd Visiting Lecturer, Royal Agricultural College.
10.15	National Audits by FVO (EU Food and Veterinary Office) John Hukku, Former Meat Hygiene Advisor FSA
10.45	Coffee Break and Trade Exhibition
11.15	UKAS - Our Role in the Process Paul Stennett MBE, Chief Executive, United Kingdom Accreditation Service
11.45	'Trust but Verify' - The Changing Role of Food Law Enforcement Stuart Musgrave, Food Law Enforcement Consultant.
12.15	Summary and Questions - Session Chairman
12.30	Lunch Break
Afternoon Session - The Commercial Imperative	
13.10	Introduction David Baines - Afternoon Session Chairman 'Corporate Concerns'
13.15	Audit of the Audits Dawn Fassam, Auditor - NSF-CMi
13.45	Chilled Food Audit Requirements - What's Critical? Kaarin Goodburn MBE, Chilled Food Association
14.15	Small Business Schemes – SALSA and others Chris Grimes, Scheme Director at SALSA
14.45	Coffee Break and Trade Exhibition
15.15	BRC Global Scheme – The New Standard David Brackston, Technical Director - Food Schemes BRC Trading Ltd
15.45	BRC Issue 6, Getting It Right - The Challenges for Auditors and Certification Bodies Gordon Hayburn FIFST C.Sci Technical Director Agri-Foods (Americas) QMI-SAI Global
16.15	The Customer Perspective – Who Benefits? Ian Abbotts, Hygiene Manager, Marks & Spencer
16.45	Summary and Questions - Session Chairman
17.00	End of Conference



Registration & Booking Form

Conference Delegate Rates (includes refreshments and buffet lunch)

IFST Conference attendance: Non-members

£110.00

IFST Conference attendance: IFST Members

£85.00

IFST Conference attendance: Students

£40.00

(There is no VAT element charge in the above fees)

Total amount payable:

Accommodation is available at Eastwood Park and they can be contacted directly at www.eastwoodpark.co.uk

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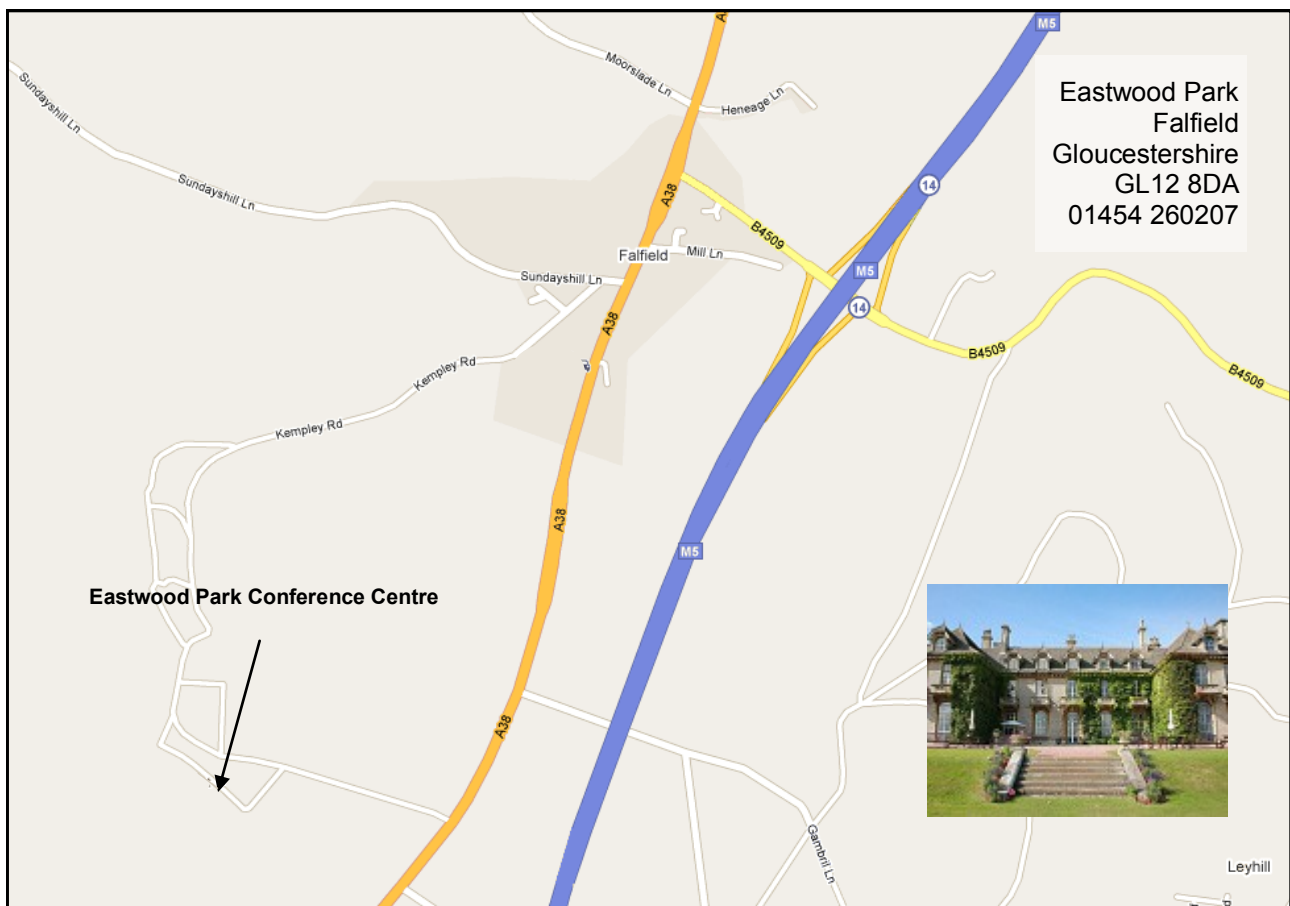
Please send your cheque (payable to IFST Western Branch) and completed registration form to:

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Venue & Directions



DIRECTIONS

To get to Eastwood Park leave the M5 at Junction 14 and follow signs in a westerly direction for Berkeley/Sharpness/Dursley onto B4509. Turn left onto the A38 heading south - after approximately one mile, turn right at the sign for Eastwood Park.

The Eastwood Park Estate was originally associated with a Bristol seafaring family and is tucked away in a peaceful setting with amazing views of the surrounding Gloucestershire countryside. This Victorian stately home is a hotel, conference and training centre.



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