The future for food technology

Food technology is potentially the most important scientific activity. In the future, food industry has to consider the pressures which will present themselves as the world develops. We all know of the problems of the World like population growth, climate change, famine and water shortages. These issues and many others such as energy supplies, changes in dietary habits and pollution all ultimately present challenges which the food industry and particularly food technology will have to manage. Food technology can provide options and opportunities which will assist with solving these problems. Obviously it is possible to examine each of these problems separately and attempt to solve them without consideration of the interconnected nature of these problems. Hence, food technology needs to examine methods for feeding a larger population whilst limiting the impact on the climate using less energy producing less waste and utilizing the products of basic production in better and more relevant ways. In this conference, the talk examines these questions in more detail. The material presented will introduce novel food sources utilizing by-products of food production, modifying manufacturing processes, developing foods which have additional functions such as health effects, obesity management and yet maintain or improve the quality of the products.

Biography

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