

# Members' Regulatory Day

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## Biographies



**Daryl Thomas** is Managing Director for Leatherhead Food Research and Sagentia Regulatory (Europe and North America), formerly TSG Consulting, and has over 30 years' experience in leading numerous international businesses. Daryl specialises in building and coaching international multifunctional, high-performing teams in addition to leveraging expert understanding of commercial excellence to continually drive business efficiency and effectiveness. He has a degree in Mathematics and is a Chartered Accountant.



**Mariko Kubo** is the Global Head of Regulatory and Operations and plays a pivotal role in shaping the company's strategy and operational efficiency. Mariko is a regulatory expert, specialising in Japanese regulation and other global markets. Her 15 years of consultancy experience, coupled with her project management qualification, equip her with a unique skill set that allows her to navigate the complex regulatory landscape with ease. Fluent in Japanese, German and English, Mariko's linguistic skills further enhance her ability to operate effectively in a global context.



**Luke Murphy** is VP – Key Accounts. Luke began his Leatherhead career in the regulatory team in 2006, building up expertise in UK, EU and Irish food law before moving to the Membership team in 2017. Now, he oversees the key accounts for the Regulatory and Scientific Affairs division. Prior to Leatherhead, Luke worked in the food industry for five years, in various product development and technical roles. He is interested in emerging regulations on sustainability and has recently completed the CISL business sustainability management course. Luke has a BSc in Food Science from the University of Leeds.



**Mark Moss** is the Head of Regulatory Europe, advising on UK, Irish and EU food legislation. He is an experienced food regulatory professional who has worked at some of the world's leading food and healthcare companies, including: Tesco, McCormick Foods, GlaxoSmithKline, Heinz, and Suntory. He has a Master's degree in Food Law and is an expert in novel food and novel health regulations.

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**Simon Linsley**, Senior Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Manager, has over 18 years of experience in the food industry and is an expert on US and Canadian legislation. He is experienced in product design, product launches, claim reviews and horizon scanning. Simon also spearheads Leatherhead's North American training. He graduated from the University of Warwick with a degree in Microbiology and Virology.



**Johanna Bolinder** is a Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Consultant. She has driven critical product change projects at Mondelez International. At Spoon Guru, she spearheaded the Health and Sustainability team, collaborating with global retailers to integrate health and wellness into digital platforms. With deep expertise in scientific and regulatory affairs, Johanna excels at futureproofing businesses by leveraging consumer and sustainability trends. Born in Sweden with an international background, Johanna is multilingual and passionate about promoting sustainable food choices for better health and a healthier planet.



**Agota Ditchfield**, Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Consultant, specialises in Hungarian, UK, and EU food legislation. After teaching A Level Biology and Chemistry, she joined Leatherhead as an Analytical Chemist before moving into the Regulatory team. Over the past decade, Agota has built strong expertise in food regulations, supporting members with tailored advice, leading complex projects, mentoring junior colleagues and running training courses. She also delivers horizon scanning projects to help global organisations anticipate regulatory change. Agota holds a Master's degree in Teaching Biology and Chemistry.



**Abigail Wacek** is Managing Director, Sagentia Regulatory North America, formerly TSG Consulting. Abigail specializes in federal pesticide compliance, with an emphasis on antimicrobials. Abigail has more than 15 years of experience in submitting federal registration packages, preparing inert ingredient petitions, developing label claims and registration strategies, coordinating product testing, and conducting FIFRA training. Abigail has a BA in Environmental Studies from Gettysburg College.



**Eileen Buttimer** is Senior Vice President for Sagentia Innovation. Eileen holds a PhD in biochemistry, and is an accomplished scientist with decades of experience. Eileen has led consulting projects for clients across multiple sectors, including personal care, home care, food and beverage, industrial and consumer healthcare and brings a wealth of insight and expertise.