



# Invitation to Sponsor

**IFST Autumn Conference 2026 (AC26)**

Tuesday 13 October 2026

East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham NG7 2RJ

## Introduction from the Chief Executive

We are delighted to invite you to sponsor the IFST Autumn Conference 2026 (AC26), taking place on Tuesday, 13 October 2026 at the East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham. Following excellent feedback from last year's event, we are returning to this venue to deliver a professional and engaging experience for delegates.

Autumn Conference is the Institute's flagship annual event, bringing together senior leaders, innovators, and experts from across the food system. As a recently chartered professional body, IFST offers sponsors a unique opportunity to engage with a highly influential audience and position your organisation at the heart of sector discussions.

Sponsorship packages include prominent recognition across the conference programme, app, and communications, with opportunities to demonstrate your commitment to the food system.

Further details on sponsorship opportunities are included within this brochure. We look forward to welcoming you to AC26.



Craig Leadley  
IFST Chief Executive



## About IFST

The Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) is the UK's leading Chartered body for individuals involved in all aspects of food science and technology. As an internationally respected, independent, and not-for-profit organisation, we support food professionals through knowledge sharing, professional recognition, and evidence-based initiatives.

Our diverse membership includes students, experts, and professionals from across the sector, united by a shared passion for advancing food science and technology. We pride ourselves on being a welcoming, nurturing, and approachable community, driven by the expertise and experience of our members.

Guided by our charitable aims, we are committed to promoting food safety, public health, and the responsible application of science and technology. Everything we do is rooted in evidence, ensuring trust and credibility among the public, policymakers, and our members.



## Our Audience and Reach

Employment Sector of IFST Members



Job Titles of IFST Members



### Conference Venue

Located in the heart of the University of Nottingham's beautiful parkland campus, the East Midlands Conference Centre offers first-class facilities, flexible spaces and outstanding transport links, ensuring an excellent delegate experience.

### Drinks Reception

On the evening of the conference (13 October), IFST will host a post-conference drinks reception and networking event at the East Midlands Conference Centre in Nottingham. Overnight accommodation is available at the Orchard Hotel, located adjacent to the venue.

Fee to sponsor the drinks reception = **£1500** + VAT

- Company logo shown as drinks sponsor at reception
- Promotion to and an opportunity to connect with delegates through the Cvent App
- Acknowledgement at conference (opportunity to make a short announcement)
- Opportunity to secure up to four discounted places at the conference



## Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

Benefit	Premium Sponsor £3,500 + VAT	Standard Sponsor £2,200 + VAT	Exhibitor £1,100 + VAT
Delegate passes: includes entrance, refreshments and lunch	3	2	2
Logo on conference promotional materials	✓	✓	✓ (selected)
Logo on main presentation slides	✓	✓	-
Inclusion in pre- and post-event emails/notifications	✓	✓	Mention in selected communications
Promotion within conference app (branding, profile, shareable content)	✓	✓	✓
Exhibition space	3m wide, suitable for display of equipment and demonstrations	1.8m wide, suitable for a pull-up stand and display of literature/products	1.8m wide, suitable for a pull-up stand and display of literature/products
Sponsor presentation (10 minutes)	✓	-	-
Logo on conference webpage with link	✓	✓	✓
Acknowledgement on all venue signage	✓	✓	-

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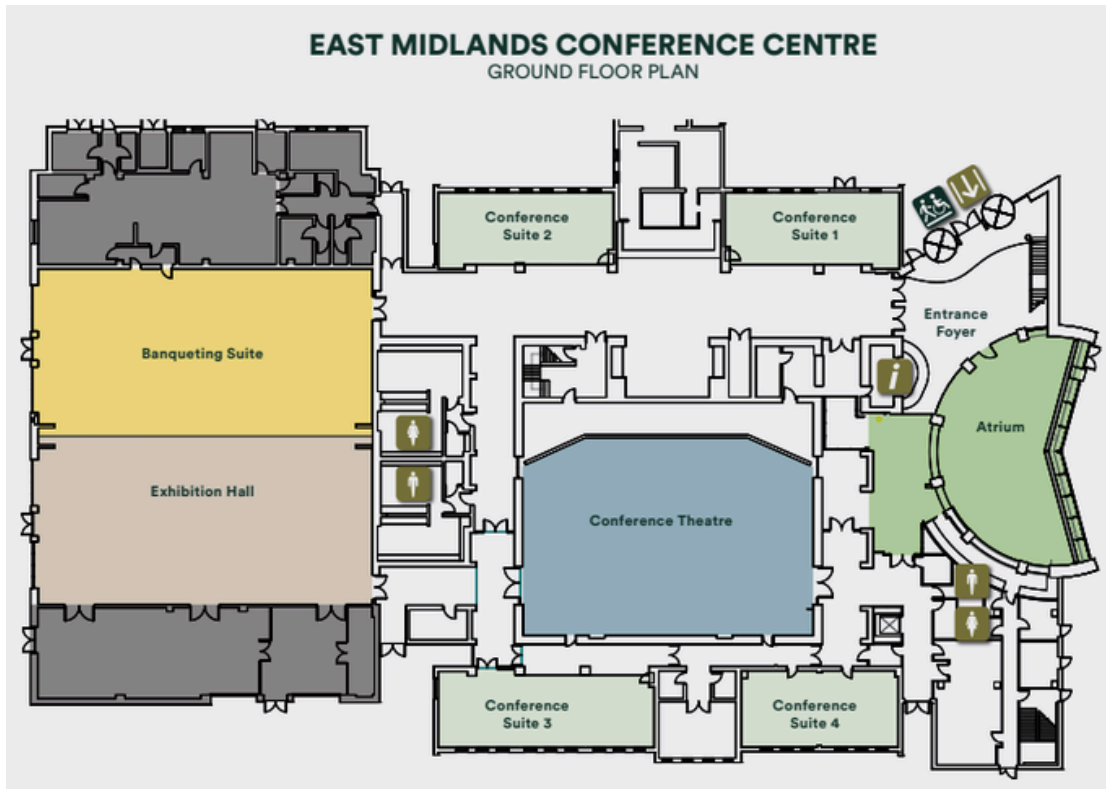
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## Exhibitor Stand Floor Plan



## Social Media Engagement



### Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST)

With over **91,000** followers on our company page and an active LinkedIn group of **63,000+** members, we're at the heart of the food science and technology community.



### @ifstnews

Join over **7,000** followers and growing! Be part of the conversation and connect with our vibrant community of food science enthusiasts.



### Institute of Food Science and Technology

With over **24,000** followers, our Facebook page offers the latest news, events, and insights from the world of food science and technology.

## Contact us today

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