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2026 EDITION



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Elevate Your Brand with the UK's Leading Chartered Body for the Food System

In 2025, the Institute of Food Science and Technology was awarded the Royal Charter, recognising our role as the leading professional voice for food science and technology in the UK. Sponsoring IFST in 2026 places your organisation alongside a chartered body shaping standards, skills and trust across the food system.

By supporting IFST, you demonstrate a clear commitment to corporate citizenship and positive social value, while engaging directly with the professionals who underpin food safety, quality, nutrition and innovation. IFST connects you with over **3,800 members**, **a digital audience of more than 200,000**, and **over 435,000 website users** each year.

As an independent professional body, IFST delivers credible, evidence-led work that supports both professionals and the wider food system. Our multi-platform sponsorship packages offer a practical way to raise your profile. Across print, digital channels, events and targeted networking, we help you to reach an informed and influential audience at a time of growing public and policy focus on food.



PARTNERSHIP PACKAGES

Gold Package	Premier Platinum Package
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corporate Supporter Certificate• Exhibition space (1.5m wide) at our annual conference, with four delegate passes• Company logo featured on main presentation slides and programme at our Autumn Conference, with four guest passes• One full-page ad in Food Science & Technology journal per year• 20% discount on additional printed advertising• Two IFST associate memberships included• 15% discount on additional memberships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corporate Supporter Certificate• Prime double exhibition space (3m wide) at our annual conference, including four delegate passes• Company logo prominently featured on presentation slides and programme at our Autumn Conference, with four guest passes• Two full-page ads in FS&T journal per year• 30% discount on additional printed advertising• Four IFST associate memberships included• 25% discount on additional memberships• Exclusive IFST-hosted and promoted sponsored webinar, with full access to delegate details• Article in Food Science and Technology Magazine• Social Media
Price: £8,250 + VAT	Price: £11,275 + VAT



WEBINARS

**Gain unparalleled visibility in the food system
by sponsoring an IFST webinar!**

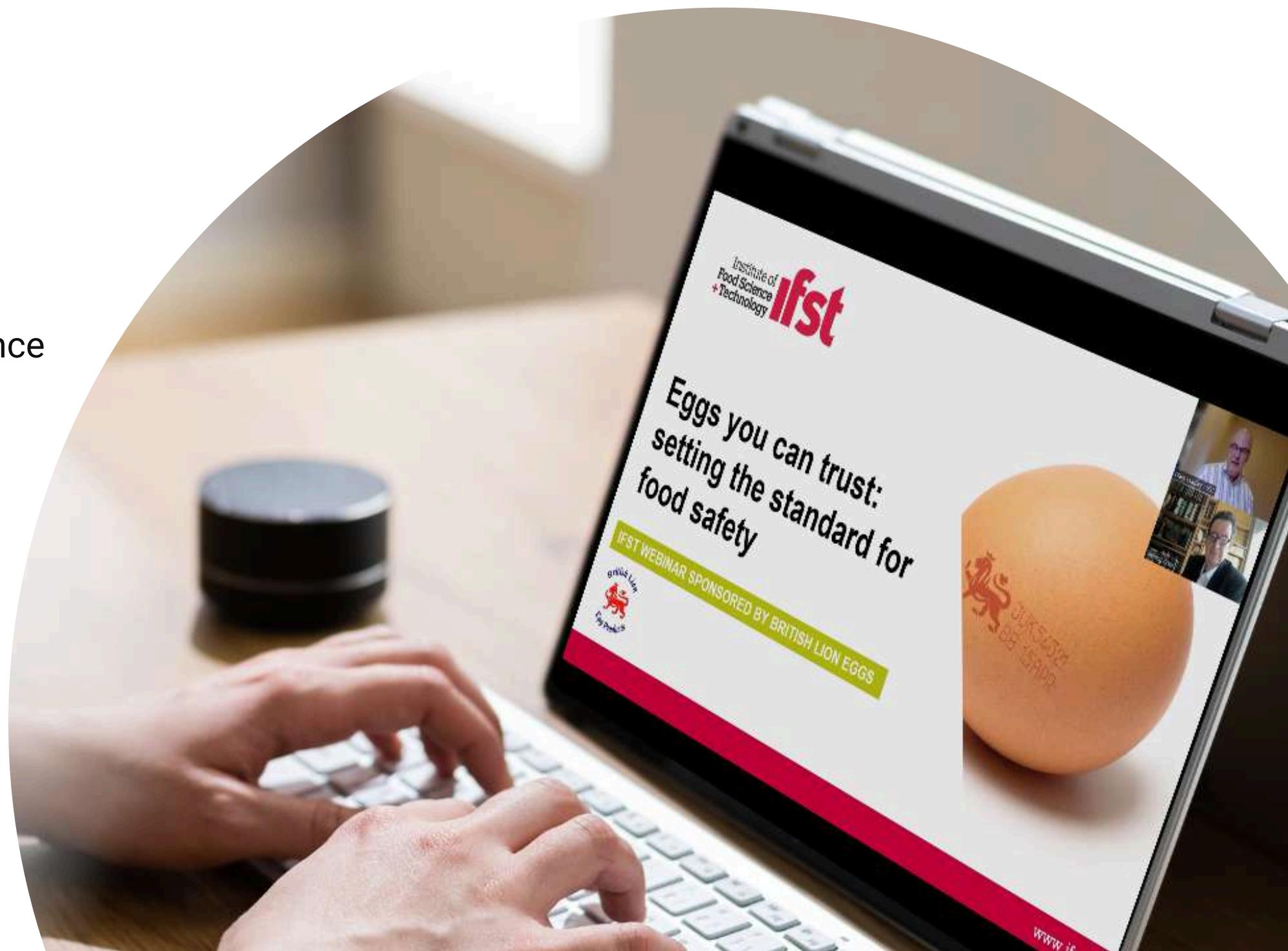
Our webinars are a core part of our event calendar, delivering high-quality technical and scientific insights to an engaged audience of **150–300** attendees per session.

Why sponsor an IFST webinar?

- Position your brand at the forefront of innovation in food science and technology.
- Reach a targeted audience of professionals, researchers, and industry leaders.
- Showcase your commitment to advancing the food system.

Sponsorship is available at just **£1,650 + VAT** and includes:

- Brand visibility during and after the event.
- Opportunity to connect with decision-makers and innovators.
- Acknowledgment in event promotions and materials.



WEBINARS (CONT'D)

**Stand out by hosting your very own
Sponsor-Created Webinars with IFST.**

This provide a fully customisable platform to showcase your expertise and align with the interests of our engaged members £6,325 + VAT.

Such webinars in 2025 included:

- ['From Ingredient to AI Formulation: Unlocking New Horizons in Food & Beverage'](#) sponsored by Centric Software



Format and offer

The webinar topic should include aspects of innovation and developments in food science and technology. Our audience ranges from students to senior professionals in the food system, so they have a varied understanding of food science and technology. Your presentation should reflect that and should not be overly commercial.

- 1 Your logo is featured on the event page and introduction slides.
- 2 Your presenter delivers a talk relevant to your business and IFST members' values and interests.
- 3 An IFST host moderates and handles audience questions.
- 4 Access to registrant names and email addresses*.



*Attendees are requested to provide marketing permissions on sign-up, allowing access to contact details following the webinar.

KEY EVENTS

Sponsoring **IFST's 2026 events** provides a unique opportunity to position your brand as a leader in the food system, offering direct access to influential professionals, researchers, policymakers, and emerging talent. Our event calendar is packed with high-profile engagements designed to spark conversations, foster innovation, and showcase leadership.

Binsted Lecture - 12 February 2026

In partnership with IFT, the Food and Drink Federation, and Campden BRI.

Theme: Leveraging AI in New Product Development and ensuring Food Safety and Quality.

Audience: educators, industry leaders, policymakers.

Includes live stream and recording.

Student Launchpads

Access emerging talent across five national events:

- 10 Feb: Abertay University
- 12 Feb: Tesco, Welwyn Garden City
- 17 Feb: Greggs, Newcastle
- 20 Feb: Campden BRI, Chipping Campden
- 24 Feb: Marks & Spencer, London

Designed to connect students with industry and highlight career pathways.



KEY EVENTS

IFST x Campden BRI Panel Programme - 30 March 2026

At IFE Manufacturing, ExCel London

Four expert panel sessions on sustainability, innovation, AI, and healthy formulation.

Delivered in collaboration with IFST Special Interest Groups.

Free to attend for IFE delegates.



IFST Oxford Food Summit 2026 - 9 July 2026

In partnership with the Environmental Change Institute, University of Oxford.

A full-day summit exploring key scientific, environmental and policy issues.

IFST Autumn Conference 2026 (AC26) - 13 October 2026

Held at the East Midlands Conference Centre in Nottingham

IFST's flagship annual conference with over 175 delegates, panel sessions, presentations, and networking.



REGIONAL EVENTS

Sponsoring IFST regional activity gives your organisation year-round visibility across our eight Branches, each linked to local food networks, universities, and industry partners. These events support skills, careers, and knowledge exchange at a local level, offering direct engagement with students and professionals in your chosen region.

Examples of Regional Events

- **Eastern Branch – Food Science Discovery Day**
- **South East Branch – Annual Branch Meeting and Lecture**
- **Northern Branch – Branch Conference**
- **Western Branch – Christmas Lecture**
- **Scotland Branch – Science in Parliament**

Other Branch Activities

All our branches run a range of technical visits, lectures, joint meetings, and annual gatherings. These events provide targeted access to local professionals and students, helping sponsors build trusted relationships across the UK food sector.



STUDENT COMPETITIONS

Supporting IFST student competitions places your organisation at the centre of early-career talent development, giving direct visibility among the next generation of scientists, developers, and innovators.

Sponsorship helps you:

- Connect with high-achieving students from leading UK universities.
- Build early brand recognition with future professionals.
- Demonstrate your commitment to innovation, sustainability, and skills development.

Ecotrophelia UK

A Dragons Den-style competition where student teams develop eco-focused food products and pitch to industry experts.

Future Scientist Competition

This competition invites undergraduate and postgraduate students to present their food-related research projects to academics, industry leaders, and peers.



TESTIMONIALS



Bal Chand, International Marketing Manager at Tracegains

'Our partnership with IFST underscores our commitment to **innovation** and **collaboration**, key drivers of progress in the food and beverage industry. We share a mutual objective with IFST to nurture a culture of innovation within the food science community.'



Alina Bonadonna, Global Marketing Manager at NEMIS Technologies

'This partnership marks an exciting step forward in our mission to set new standards in environmental monitoring, helping food production facilities manage food safety risks. We're proud to be working alongside an organisation with such a strong reputation and commitment to the field.'



Emma Whittaker, Group Marketing Manager at Nutraceuticals Group

'The IFST food community serves as an invaluable hub for gathering insights into the **latest developments** and **fostering connections** with professionals and students alike. As we celebrate this significant milestone year, Nutraceuticals Group remain steadfast in our commitment to supporting IFST's activities, recognising their **enduring impact** on the food industry and beyond.'

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