



Insects as Food and Feed Conference 2025
Thursday 9th October 2025
Elm Grove Conference Centre, University of Roehampton, London

Programme

- 09:00 Registration and refreshments
- 09:15 **Welcome and Introduction**
Daniel Amor & Kieran David Robertson, RES Insects as Food and Feed SIG Convenors

SESSION 1: ETHICS - Chaired by Jessica Stokes, Project Officer, Royal Entomological Society

- 09:30 **KEYNOTE: The minds of insects and why they matter**
Prof. Jonathan Birch, Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Jeremy Collier Centre for Animal Sentience, the LSE
- 10:10 **Bugs in the system:
have the economic and environmental benefits of insect farming been overstated?**
Corentin Biteau, Observatoire national de l'élevage d'insectes (National Observatory on Insect Farming)
- 10:30 **Entomophagy of social insects:
lessons from traditional communities across the world**
George Burton, University College London
- 10:50 Refreshment break

SESSION 2: FOOD - Chaired by Daniel Amor, RES IAFF SIG Convenor

- 11:10 **KEYNOTE: Insect protein functionality for structuring food products**
Dr. Jo Gould, Assistant Professor in Food Sciences, The University of Nottingham
- 11:50 **Green production of cricket and grasshopper protein isolates with high nutritional and techno-functional properties**
Dr. Oscar Sánchez-Velázquez, University of Leeds
- 12:10 **Building the future with crickets - lessons from edibl® and the UK insect food sector**
Geoffrey Knott, Co-CEO, Co-Founder & Director of edibl® — The UK Insect Company Ltd (est 2020) and Chair & Novel Foods Lead, UK Edible Insect Association (circa August 2025)
- 12:30 Lunch

SESSION 3: FEED - Chaired by Kieran David Robertson, RES IAFF SIG Convenor

- 13:30 **KEYNOTE: Optimising black soldier fly larvae use: waste residue conversion as the future of feed**
Ben Brown, Co-Founder, InsectBiotech
- 14:10 **Insects: the sustainable soy alternative for livestock diets**
Kieran David Robertson, RES IAFF SIG Convenor
- 14:30 **Effects of dietary fibre, killing method, and fasting duration on black soldier fly larvae nutritional composition**
Chris Onuoha, Nottingham Trent University
- 14:50 Refreshments and Poster session

SESSION 4: NUTRITION – Lisa Methven, Professor of Food & Sensory Science, University of Reading

- 15:30 **KEYNOTE: The nutrient composition of insects: determining factors that influence nutrient composition for feed and food**
Prof. Tim Parr, Professor in Nutritional Biochemistry, Faculty of Science, The University of Nottingham
- 16:10 **ONLINE: Enrichment of Black Soldier Fly Larva Meals to Increase Levels of Omega 3 PUFA**
Joyce Njenga, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture Science and Technology
- 16:30 **The bioavailability of insect compared to animal protein in younger, middle-age and older adults**
James Rutherford, University of Surrey
- 16:50 Closing remarks and thanksgiving
- 17:00 Finish

There will be an opportunity to meet informally after the event at the [Kings Head, Roehampton](#). Food and drink will be available to purchase there.

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