

# Scottish Food & Drink Innovation Network

## **Automation Workshop**

“Automate or Stagnate – Removing the Barriers to Automation”

**Inchyra Grange Hotel, Polmont, Falkirk**

26<sup>th</sup> September 2007

What does automation mean to you?

Food & drink manufacturers are under constant pressure to produce high quality products at a low price while adhering to increasingly high industry standards. With such high demands it is not surprising that many food & drink companies have already turned to automation in order to become more competitive in the marketplace.

This workshop brings together a group of people who have many years of experience in the automation industry to discuss all aspects of automation from the initial concept to the final solution. It will demonstrate how accessible automation can be and what the advantages are to food & drink manufacturers. What does automation mean to you? Whatever it is, this workshop is for you.

The morning session will include presentations on the practical applications of automation including examples of companies who have already made the transition, how to finance your automation plans and how automation systems can be built around your process rather than changing your process to fit the machine.

Armed with this information and stimulated to apply it to your sector, the afternoon will start with workshop sessions to explore problem areas and automation concepts. This will be followed by one to one sessions where individuals will be able to discuss their individual applications and issues on a personal basis.

Going forward, the Scottish Food & Drink Innovation Network will provide practical, hands-on support to build these projects, including support to access the finance required to take these ideas through to a practical solution, which we hope will add value to your business.

Attendance at this Workshop is free

For Bookings and further information please contact:

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*Alternatively, please complete the booking form overleaf*



## Programme

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Chairman: Sue Wigram, Operations Director, Food processing Faraday Partnership (FFPP)

9.30 Registration

10.00 Introduction to the Innovation project

Sue Wigram, Operations Director, FFPF

Andrew Cameron, Scottish Food and Drink Innovation Network Manager

10.15 Research in Automation, Where the future lies

Professor John Gray, Head of Centre for Robotics and Automation Salford University

10.40 Technical & market drivers, Case studies

Nick Walsh, ABB

11.10 Removing the barriers to automation

Ian Dickson, Bosh Rexroth

11.40 Coffee

12.00 Bespoke Automation

June Cuthill, SP Technology

12.20 How Do I finance automation?

Nick Walsh, ABB

12.50 Q&A

1.00 Lunch and Exhibition trailer\*

2.00 Breakout session

2.40 Feedback

3.00 1:1 sessions, Exhibition trailer\*

4.15 Q&A

4.30 Close

\*The Exhibition trailer will remain on site until 5.30pm

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### Booking Form

Please register my place at the “Automate or Stagnate – Removing the Barriers to Automation” Workshop

#### Company Details

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

#### Delegate Details

Surname (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Dr, Prof, Other) \_\_\_\_\_

Forename \_\_\_\_\_

Job title \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Direct Dial/ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any Questions about Automation you would like addressed? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you see as the most difficult part of your process to Automate? \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like your questions discussed in:      Open Forum \*      1:1 Session \*

(\* You can select one or both if you would like your question discussed in the open forum and in more detail in a 1:1 Session)

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