



**INFANT NUTRITION
COUNCIL**
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Global conference on infant nutrition in Wellington

The only global conference on infant and young children's nutrition is being held over two days in Wellington this week.

This is the only infant and young children nutrition conference held by the industry globally, and features a line-up of experts from around the world. Topics will include:

- Major research showing over 90 per cent of 6–12-month-old infants and one in four toddlers aged 1-2 years receive inadequate iron based on their dietary intake, including breastfed infants.
- The impact of formula shortages on health outcomes for infants in the United States and efforts to address this crisis in infant health.
- The need to ensure health outcomes for infants and toddlers irrespective of whether they are breast or formula fed.
- The need to update regulations governing infant nutrition to reflect the changes in the make-up of families in Australia and New Zealand in the last decade.

It will be opened by New Zealand Minister of Agriculture and Trade & Export Growth, Damien O'Connor.

Feeding the Future is hosted by the Infant Nutrition Council, which represents the majority of manufacturers, marketers and ingredient suppliers of infant formula and toddler milk drinks in New Zealand and Australian.

Keynote speakers include:

- Tracy Li Liangqiu, Executive Vice-President, China Nutrition and Health Food Assn: Facilitating the Development of the IF industry
- Dr Carrie Assar, US Food and Drug Administration: Infant formula regulation in the US.
- Dr Anne Jaquierey, Liggins Institute: Early Life Nutrition
- Prof Clare Wall, University of Auckland: Diet in the early years
- Prof Time Green and Dr Merryn Netting, South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute: Trends and controversies in young child feeding practises
- Daniel Ong, Kuala Lumpur: Disruptions to the Global Supply Chain
- Maya Shehayeb, Euromonitor International: Key Trends and Effective Strategies
- Jack A. Bobo, Washington DC: Navigating the future of food
- Prof Phil Bremer, University of Otago: Current and emerging food safety issues
- Dr Kirill Lagutin, Callaghan Innovation: Bridging the Gap between Infant Formula & Breastfeeding outcomes
- Emeritus Prof Geoff Cleghorn, University of Queensland: Human Milk Oligosaccharides

- De Junichi Minami, Tokyo: Multifunctionality of Bidobacteria in the Infant Intestine
- Assoc Prof Bev Muhlhausler (Health and Biosecurity Unit, CSIRO): Toddler Milk Drinks Literature Review
- Glen Neal (General Manager Risk, FSANZ): The light at the end of the tunnel

The Chief Executive of the Infant Nutrition Council, Jan Carey, says she is excited by the calibre of local, regional, and international speakers.

“To have world-renowned experts here talking on a wide range of topics, presents a great opportunity for our industry to gain greater knowledge around some of the pressing issues facing the feeding of our infants.

“I’m also delighted delegates will hear directly from our two great trading partners: China and the United States.

“They will give the conference a truly international presence, alongside Malaysian, Japanese and speakers, with the infant nutrition world watching us, and will complement some of our region’s world-leading authorities on feeding infants.

“The infant formula and toddler milk drink industry has contributed much to the knowledge of the nutritional needs of infants and young children, as well as the qualities and benefits of breast milk, but there is so much more to learn, and that’s what this conference is all about.”

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About the Infant Nutrition Council

The Infant Nutrition Council Ltd (INC) is the association for the infant formula industry in Australia and New Zealand. Its members produce over 95% of the volume of infant formula manufactured, sold and exported in New Zealand. INC plays a key role in ensuring compliance and safety in the industry. All members abide by a Code of Conduct that provides direction on industry issues, including the support of breastfeeding, food regulations and standards, food safety issues, and company representatives’ conduct and activities. INC advocates for optimal nutrition for all infants: breastfeeding first, and, when needed, infant formula as the only suitable alternative
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