

The Science and Technology of RTD coffee with Milk

January 21-22, 2026

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

9:00 am	Welcome and Introductions	Ty Wagoner, CA Dairy Innovation Center and Anuradha Prakash, Professor, Chapman University
9:10 am	Trends in RTD coffee with milk	Donna Berry
9:45 am	Coffee fundamentals and market trends, extracts, concentrates, soluble coffee for RTD, international coffees with milk	Peter Giuliano, Specialty Coffee Association
10:45 am	Break	
11:15 am	Milk fundamentals, dairy ingredients, heat stability, and shelf-life of dairy-based RTD coffee beverages, high protein, lactose-free	Dr. Phillip Tong, Professor Emeritus, Cal Poly SLO
12:15 pm	Lunch	
1:00 pm	Role of gums in RTD beverages	Wanda Jurlina, IMCD
1:45 pm	Phosphates provide stability to dairy proteins	Caitlin Glaser, ICL
2:30 pm	Break	
3:00 pm	Choosing the optimum sweetener for your RTD coffee beverage	Hannah Dressen, Batory Foods
3:30 pm	UHT/aseptic processing of coffee-milk beverages, defects	Jerome Auvinet and Lucas Mead, Tetrapak
4:15 pm	Retorting of coffee-milk beverages	Rachel Cua, Insymmetry, Karen Brown, JBT
5:00-6:30 pm	Networking Reception	

Thursday, January 22, 2026

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9:00 am	Flavor Selection, Functionality, and Preservation in	Justin Demers, Director of Applications and Product	
	Coffee Dairy Beverage Development	Development, Prova, US	
10:15 am	Break		
10:45 am	Retorting and UHT processing of RTD coffee with milk	Stacey Lau and Seeret Jhita, Chapman University	
11:15 pm	Nutrient claims	Debra Topham, Knowledge Bank	
12:00 pm	Lunch		
12:45 pm	Sensory Perception of RTD Coffee with Milk	Dr. Edgar Chambers IV, University Distinguished Professor, Kansas State University	
3:00 pm	Adjourn	Anuradha Prakash, Professor, Chapman University	

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