



Ohio Valley Section
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Speaker Biographies



Natalie Taake. Senior Innovation Manager, Kroger

Scientist, marketer, and innovator: Natalie Taake has spent her 20-year food & beverage career translating food science, culinary arts, consumer insights, and trend prediction into actionable business strategies. A magnetic speaker and master taster, Natalie's expertise has been featured on CNN, Food Network, and America's Test Kitchen. At home, you'll find her hosting themed parties, impatiently waiting to hit the ski slopes, or sharing her love for music & movies with her husband and two young children.



Fabien Robert, Head of NA & LATAM Zone. Nestlé Quality Assurance Centers

Fabien Robert is currently Head of NA & LATAM zone for Nestlé Quality Assurance Centers. He has worked for Nestlé for 22 years, dedicated to the enhancement of the quality of life and contributing to a healthier, sustainable future. His past positions within Nestlé have included the Analytical Services Manager and Food Safety Platform Leader in Corporate international HQ, Project Manager in corporate Nestle Nutrition Operations, and Project Manager in corporate Regulatory and Scientific Affairs.

Fabien is a graduate of the University Claude Bernard Lyon 1 in France, where he earned, his Ph.D in Organic Chemistry and post-doctorates in Bio-Organic Chemistry and Organometallic Chemistry from Université de Genève/Sciences II & III in Switzerland. Fabien earns 56 publications in peers reviewed scientific journal and is an experienced speaker in scientific congress in food chemistry and food safety.