

PRESS RELEASE

Rapid microbiological methods seminar

The use of 'rapid testing' techniques is becoming more prevalent in microbiology laboratories, as they strive to produce faster and more accurate results to enhance product safety. New technologies, approaches and culture media are constantly being developed. Campden BRI plays a leading role in bringing together the manufacturers of the kits with laboratory users. The Rapid Microbiological Methods [seminar](http://www.campdenbri.co.uk/rapid-micro-seminar.php), to be held on 7th June (see www.campdenbri.co.uk/rapid-micro-seminar.php), will explore the science behind rapid method testing. Presentations from key experts in the area of rapid method microbiological testing will:

- cover approaches to rapid method testing
- provide up-to-date information on new and emerging technologies
- appraise methods and data analysis

The event will also feature an exhibition from rapid method kit manufacturers, who will be displaying some of their most recent developments.

Campden BRI (www.campdenbri.co.uk) provides technical, legislative and scientific support and research to the food and drinks industry worldwide – with a comprehensive “farm to fork” range of services covering agri-food production, analysis and testing, processing and manufacturing, safety, training and technical information services. Members and clients benefit from industry-leading facilities for analysis, product and process development, and sensory and consumer studies, which include a specialist brewing and wine division.

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Notes to editors

1. An accompanying photograph is available from Mr Tim Hutton, Campden BRI, Station Road, Chipping Campden, Glos. GL55 6LD, UK. tim.hutton@campdenbri.co.uk +44(0)1386 842047
2. [Campden BRI](#) specialises in the practical application of technical excellence to support the food and allied industries through analysis and testing, operational support, research and innovation, and knowledge management. It is the world's largest membership-based food research organisation, with nearly 400 staff based at its three sites: Chipping Campden (Headquarters), Nutfield (Surrey - brewing division), and Budapest (Hungary).
3. Its activities include assuring the safety of food and drinks, [food processing and manufacturing](#) support, [food analysis and testing](#), [training](#) and [publishing](#). Each year it hosts hundreds of business visits and trains around 6,000 people from food and drink companies worldwide. Further information on its activities can be found at www.campden.co.uk
4. Expertise at Campden BRI includes:
 - a. [manufacturing technologies](#) - food processing (heating, chilling, freezing), aseptic technology, [microwave heating](#), [malting and brewing](#), [milling](#), [baking](#) and extrusion technology, and process control and instrumentation, [packaging technology](#)
 - b. safety assurance - including [hygiene and sanitation](#), [microbiology](#) and preservation, processing technologies, analysis and testing (microbiological, chemical), and quality and safety management,
 - c. [product development](#) and quality, [consumer studies](#), market insights, [sensory science](#), [authenticity testing](#), shelf-life evaluation, [labelling](#) and [legislation](#)
 - d. [agri-food production](#), ingredients, raw materials, raw material technology,
 - e. underpinning science - [cereal science](#), [microbiology](#), [chemistry and biochemistry](#), molecular biology
5. Facilities at Campden BRI include:
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 - b. 3,500 sq m food process hall and [pilot plant](#) including malting and brewing, retorting, chilling, milling, baking, hygiene and packaging
 - c. 800 sq m of dedicated training and conference facilities