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Tuesday February 23, 2027

5:00-7:00 **Registration & Networking Reception**

Wednesday February 24, 2027

Session I: DAIRY INDUSTRY TRENDS

Chair: Dr. Phil Tong, CalPoly Prof Emeritus, CDIC

7:30 am **Registration & Continental Breakfast**

8:30 am 1. - US Dairy production, Processing and Outlook
Kristen Putch, Editor, Dairy Processing

9:00 am 2. Farmer's perspective
California Producer

9:30 am 3. Panel - Industry Leaders
Moderator. Bob Carroll, CEO, California Milk Advisory Board
Damien Caton, CEO, Valley Milk LLC (invited)
Rob Vandenheuvel, CEO, California Dairies Inc. (invited)
Corey Scott, CEO, Dairy Management Inc.
Greg Schlafer, CEO, Hilmar (invited)

Session II: INNOVATION IN HEALTH & INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVES

Chair:

10:45 am 1. An EU perspective, bringing to market nutrition research
Dr. Thom Huppetz, Friesland Campina

11:30 am 2. Milk fat globule: Latest innovation in process and applications
Dr. Gulustan Ozturk, University of Wisconsin – Madison (invited)

12:00 am 3. Regulatory, *health macro* trends and what dairy leaders prioritize in 2027
Ludovic Melhac, Emmy Moore, McKinsey & Company (invited)

12:30 pm **Lunch**

Session III: PROTEIN & PEPTIDES INNOVATION

Chair:

1:30 pm 1. What is new with peptides and extracellular vesicles
Dr. Younas Dadmohammadi, Oregon State University (invited)

2:00 pm 2. Unlocking the hidden biological value of milk peptides and proteins
Dr. Dave Dallas, Oregon State University (invited)

2:30 pm 3. Title to be confirmed
Dr. Alireza Abbaspourrad, Cornell (invited)

3:00 pm 4. Enzymes Innovation – Opportunities for the industry
TBD, Novozymes

3:30 pm **Networking Reception**