Food, Beverage & Packaging Knowledge-Sharing Summit

We welcome you to join us for a summit dedicated to meaningful conversations, problem-solving, and knowledge exchange around the most critical challenges and opportunities facing the sector today.



WORKSHOP
November 9 (Mon)

1:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M. | IPM HQ
(60 N Frontage Road, Suite 300, Burr Ridge, IL 60527)

An interactive afternoon built around the manufacturing-data challenges and outcomes customers want to discuss.

OPTIONAL DINNER & NETWORKING

6:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M. | TBD
(TBN)

Customers interested in continuing the conversation are welcome to join Hitachi and IPM for dinner after the event.

Resilience & Navigating Pressures

Automation & Digital Transformation

Evolution & Sustainability

To register, please fill out our survey ***here***


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Workshop Booklet

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Workshop

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IPM'S LEARNING CENTER

13:00-13:30 — **Welcome & Context Setting, Introductions**
Align on purpose, success criteria, and discussion norms
Keynote speech from John Dyck of CESMII

13:30-14:25 — ***Connected Traceability & Quality Records***
Explore how connected traceability and quality records can strengthen product safety, compliance, and root-cause response.

14:25-14:40 — **Short 15-Minute Break**

14:40-15:35 — ***Addressing the Labor Shortage Through Automation***
Share practical peer insights on aligning automation with workforce realities

15:35-16:30 — ***Supply-Chain Visibility & AI-Enabled Decisions***
Explore practical uses of connected data and AI for materials, deliveries, constraints, and replanning.

16:30-17:00 — **Closing & Looking Ahead**
Capture key themes and discuss how the group stays connected going forward

TO DO

Come prepared to share one manufacturing-data challenge, the current approach, and the desired business outcome.



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Reception

TBD

WELCOME DINNER RECEPTION

Complimentary – cost to be covered by IPM and Hitachi.

Directions

Menu

TO DO

Check-in with the Maître d, the reservation is under IPM-Hitachi.



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A SINCERE THANKS FROM OUR TEAMS

We're humbly looking forward to your presence and discussing the market, trends, and problems that we can solve.

CESMII
THE SMART MANUFACTURING INSTITUTE

Guest Speaker



John Dyck
Chief Executive Officer, CESMII (The Smart Manufacturing Institute)

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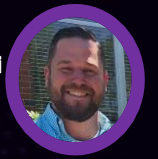
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