



Dear Friends,

International Probiotics Association (IPA) is very pleased to support Functional Foods for Wellness Summit 2026, which will take place on January 20th and 21st, 2026 in Bangkok.

The summit will bring together top experts, scholars, associations, industry organizations, and business representatives from various countries and regions in the world. It focuses on Consumer Trends and Marketing, Policies and Market Access, Gut Health and Probiotic Innovation, Technological Innovation and Product Development, as well as Weight Management, Women's Health and Healthy Ageing sectors.

The IPA is a global non-profit association, bringing together through its membership the stakeholders including but not limited to academia, scientists, health care professionals, consumers, industry and regulators. The IPA's mission is to advocate for the safe and efficacious use of Prebiotics, Probiotics and Postbiotics throughout the world. We hold NGO status before Codex Alimentarius, are ISO observers, and are recognized as the Global Voice of Pre, Pro and Post, Biotics. IPA members are a diverse representation of International probiotics sector, bringing together close to 130 companies spanning 30 countries from industry, healthcare, academia, research, regulations and more. Earlier in 2023 the IPA Board of Directors voted to expand the scope of industry focus within IPA. The IPA board felt it appropriate to expand scope beyond probiotics to the adjacent and complementary areas of prebiotics, synbiotics and postbiotics and target certain populations, specifically infants and companion animals. Modeling the IPA's path forward on the successful approach taken for probiotics, next steps will be to build the appropriate infrastructure within IPA to address each of these new categories and markets, emulating the IPA success in the probiotics sector.

We look forward to meeting you at the summit and wish you all enjoy the two-day event!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'George Paraskevacos'.

George Paraskevacos
Executive Director
International Probiotics Association (IPA)