



Dietary conference to validate health claims

THOMOND Park Stadium will host a "how-to approach" to carrying out human dietary interventions as part of a **UCC** Symposium at the famous grounds on September 28 next.

Professor Patrick Wall, former Chair of the EFSA, will provide an overview of the EFSA process, from submitting a health claim dossier through to the panel evaluation and final opinion. Dr Edel Keaveney, Food Safety Authority of Ireland, will outline EU developments on nutrition and health claims, and review the current register of claims, including permitted versus rejected claims, flexibility in relation to wording and conditions of use.

The catalyst behind the Symposium is an increasing appetite for validation of the health claims that often accompany functional foods. The opportunity for those working in the food, beverage and supplement industry to increase their awareness of this demand is timely, amidst increasing regulation from agencies such as the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

See www.ucc.ie/research/apc/content/foodsymposium for more details.