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# PRESS RELEASE

## **Campden BRI named UK's first Training Centre of Excellence for Bakery & Food Science**

Campden BRI has been named a Centre of Excellence for Food Science and an Industry Specialist in Bakery – as one of the first food and drink manufacturing training centres to gain formal industry approval as a Centre of Excellence by the National Skills Academy (NSA).

The National Skills Academy carried out a rigorous vetting of Campden BRI on quality criteria including the industry expertise and experience of individual trainers, available training resources, facilities and equipment. Campden BRI also had to produce strong evidence of trainee and business client satisfaction – including references and testimonials from employers.

Campden BRI has had a long standing relationship with the NSA since it was first established. Not only is it the UK's leading technical authority on wheat and all the foods derived from it, but it is also recognised as a leading research and development organisation for the whole of the food industry worldwide.

Bertrand Emond, Head of Membership and Training at Campden BRI said:

*“Each year we train over 5,000 delegates through our open and tailored programmes, from many of the leading food and drink businesses, as well as trade and professional organisations. We are delighted that Campden BRI has now been recognised by the NSA as a centre of excellence”.*

Campden BRI ([www.campdenbri.co.uk](http://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

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specialist brewing and wine division.

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## Notes to editors

1. An accompanying photograph is available from Ms Karen Jones, Campden BRI, Station Road, Chipping Campden, Glos. GL55 6LD, UK. Karen.jones@campdenbri.co.uk +44(0)1386 842204
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 over 2400 members from around 80 countries. It has 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](http://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:
  - a. 3,000 sq m of laboratories for food and drink microbiology, hygiene, chemistry, biochemistry, molecular biology, brewing and cereal science, and packaging technology
  - 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