

Rapid Micro PCR Detection Services

Did you know that Microsearch offer a comprehensive range of rapid detection services using the latest PCR and LAMP technology.

Salmonella Species
Listeria Species
Listeria Mono
E. coli 0157
Campylobacter
Norovirus and Hepatitis A
Clostridium Estertheticum

All results are available on a next day turnaround.

Contact our sales team for more information.
sales@micro-search.co.uk



New KPI Monitoring

In recent months we have introduced a new system for tracking KPI's within the Micro lab.

Workstations now have real-time scanning with direct access to our LIMS system. This not only provides more accurate tracking of data but means that we can monitor productivity and performance in a much more detailed way.

This is a great tool and a welcome addition to our resource planning and productivity meetings.

Welcome

Hello and welcome to issue 1 of the Microsearch newsletter. We know how important it is that we communicate well with our customers so we have decided to introduce a newsletter and will provide you with all the latest updates and business news from Microsearch. Happy reading!

IFP Labs

It has now been 1 year since Microsearch became part of IFP Labs group. Microsearch joined the group last year with plans to benefit from inter lab trading by taking advantage of the full range of services and expertise available to us through the IFP labs team. We have introduced a reliable transport link between the UK and Europe which means our clients now have access to additional services such as Acrylamide, Heavy Metals, Pesticides, MOSH / MOAH, Vitamins plus many others, without having the need to subcontract.

The partnership with IFP has gone from strength to strength. We are working closely on all daily business activities and have been able to call upon the additional expertise and support of the group to help us navigate through the difficulties of the latest economic climate.



Further information about IFP Labs can be found on their website.
www.produktqualitaet.com/en/

New Managing Directors



Following the partnership of Microsearch and IFP Labs Group last year, our founder and Managing Director of over 40 years, Des O'Connor, decided to retire from his position at the end of 2022. After a period of review between IFP group and its shareholders, it was decided that both Mark O'Connor (Operations Director) and Danny Franklin (Commercial Director) had the knowledge, skills and experience required to take the business forward together. We are therefore delighted to announce that Mark and Danny have been appointed as Joint Managing Directors of Microsearch Labs Ltd as of 1st Feb 2023.

New Promotions to the Senior Team

To support Mark and Danny and to add another level of expertise to Microsearch's senior team, two further important internal promotions have been made.

Emma Bamford, our HR Manager has been promoted to Head of HR and Jackie Holden, our Company Microbiologist has been promoted to Head of Microbiology.

Emma and Jackie have years of experience within Microsearch and will work alongside Mark and Danny in the senior team to help manage the overall business operations as well as providing support to departmental managers and the wider business.

We wish them all the very best of luck with their new roles.

Meat Species

If you need support to ensure that the products you manufacture, or the environment they are manufactured in, is free from unwanted or undeclared meats, we have the perfect service for you.

We can detect a large range of different meat species in quantities as small as 0.1% using PCR technology.

We can provide results within a range of turnaround times, including 5, 3 and next working day services.

We also have experts on hand to help you with technical queries should you need support in this area.

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Latest Audit Results

This year we have had 2 major audits on site. Our 3-day UKAS audit was in January and our 2-day RSA (M&S and Tesco) audit, managed by Campden BRI, was in April.

Both audits went exceptionally well, and we are pleased to let you know that we have maintained our full accreditation by UKAS and approval by RSA for a further year.

The Microsearch team have worked particularly hard this last 12 months. During a difficult economic climate along with national labour shortages in 2022, it's a testament to such a strong, hardworking team that we have been able to succeed so incredibly well during these audits.

A massive congratulations and well done to all the Microsearch team.

Our clients can continue to have confidence in the accuracy of the results and the overall quality of the service we provide.

Technical Expertise

For many years Des O'Connor has been helping our clients and the food industry by providing technical and scientific expertise on food safety. He did this alongside overseeing all business operations as Microsearch's Managing Director.

Des decided to step away from Microsearch in December 2022 and now works for himself as a consultant to the food industry.

Microsearch and Des have a great working relationship which means we can still call upon him for advice and support on a consultancy basis.

Considering this change, we would like to ask that going forward all communications should be directed to the Microsearch team so that we can ensure any queries are dealt with by the most appropriate Microsearch representative.

A key contacts list can be provided on request by e-mailing: csa@micro-search.co.uk

New Allergen Kits for Microsearch

Over the last few years, we have seen significantly increasing numbers of supply issues of some of our key raw materials.

This has made us review our suppliers and look at ways in which we can have more control, confidence and guarantees that the supply of vital raw materials is not compromised.

IFP Labs have been manufacturing and supplying ELISA and PCR Allergen test kits to the food industry for many years. The patented products are marketed and distributed worldwide by selected and well-known partners. As part of IFP labs, Microsearch are now able to access and use these kits at our labs in the UK.

We have spent 6 months validating these kits with a large range of matrices and are pleased to announce that we have just gained UKAS accreditation for Peanut PCR, Gluten ELISA, Egg ELISA, and Casein ELISA.

From Thursday 1st June, Peanut, Gluten, Egg, and Casein analysis will be performed using these new kits. We will however be keeping all other existing kits in our UKAS scope to ensure we have increased scope and flexibility for our clients.

We aim to finalise the validation of further allergen kits in the next few weeks and will update you on progress of this as and when we have further developments to share.

These allergen kits are an excellent addition to our UKAS scope.

Economic Climate

The UK economic climate has been a challenging one to navigate over the last year. We have received repeat price rises from many of our key suppliers and have had several instances of supply shortages of important raw materials, resulting in us having to use alternative products at increased prices.

To help mitigate some of these challenges we continue to invest in the LEAN program and have plans to implement more technology to help us increase efficiency throughout our laboratories.

In Q1 Microsearch's growth has continued on a gradual but upward trend. Microsearch is in a strong position, benefiting from insight, support, and industry knowledge from the IFP group of Directors and its shareholders.

If you have any questions or would like further information about any of the subjects in this newsletter, please e-mail csa@micro-search.co.uk