

# St. Lucia

Agenda • April 15 - 19, 2024 • Harbor Club Hotel, Rodney Bay



**WIRSPA**

West Indies Rum & Spirits  
Producers' Association Inc.



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## Tourist Information:

[St. Lucia Tourism Information](#)



## Hotel Information

### **Harbor Club Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton**

Rodney Bay Marina,  
Gros Islet, Saint Lucia

### **Making Reservations Online**

Reservations can be made using this booking link:  
<https://bit.ly/LAS2024> or via QR code.



### **To Reserve By Phone**

+1 758-731-2900

## Airport Information

Two airport options to select from.

### **Hewanorra International Airport**

Vieux Fort, St Lucia

### **George F.L Charles Airport**

Castries, St Lucia

# Monday

April 15, 2024

# WIRSPA

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## WIRSPA Networking Showcase Event

7:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00	Welcome
9:15 - 10:30	Supplier Presentations
10:30 - 11:00	COFFEE
11:00 - 12:00	Supplier Presentations
12:00 - 13:00	LUNCH
13:00 - 14:45	Supplier Presentations
14:45 - 15:15	COFFEE
15:15 - 16:30	Supplier Presentations
16:45 - 19:00	WELCOME RECEPTION & RUM TASTING

### ABOUT WIRSPA

The West Indies Rum and Spirits Producers' Association Inc. (WIRSPA) is one of the oldest private sector trade associations, dedicated to advancing the rum and spirits industry in the Caribbean. It represents rum producers in Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Haiti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, St. Lucia, Suriname, and Trinidad & Tobago.

Our role is to promote the development of Caribbean rum as a premium category and to represent the interests of our member associations and in turn their member Distilleries, with a focus on quality, innovation, and sustainability. This work includes trade facilitation, advocacy, and the improvement of production methods through training and development, and through the work of the Technical Committee, which brings together distilleries and industry professionals for collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the promotion of best practices.

# Tuesday

April 16, 2024

7:30 - 8:45

## REGISTRATION & NETWORKING BREAKFAST

8:45 - 9:00

### Welcome

Angus Ballard, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (USA)

9:00 - 9:15

### Welcome

Vaughn Renwick, WIRSPA (Barbados)

9:15 - 9:30

### Introduction to the Agenda

Graeme Walker, Abertay University & Ethanol Technology Institute (Scotland)

9:30 - 10:15

### Global Distilled Spirits Industry Post Pandemic

Maryse Bolzon, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (France)

10:15 - 10:45

## COFFEE

10:45 - 11:15

### Rum Production: Challenges & Opportunities

Shernell Layne, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Barbados)

11:15 - 11:45

### Introduction & History of St. Lucia Distillers

Ian John, St. Lucia Distillers (St. Lucia)

11:45 - 12:45

## LUNCH

12:45 - 13:00

### Load Buses and Departure

13:00 - 17:00

### Travel to and Distillery Visit (St. Lucia Distillers Ltd.)

17:00 - 19:00

### Return to Hotel

19:00 -

### Free Evening in St. Lucia

## ABOUT ST. LUCIA DISTILLERS LTD.

Committed to innovation and quality, St. Lucia Distillers Group of Companies is a small rum distillery situated on the scenically beautiful and agriculturally rich valley of Roseau on the Caribbean island of St. Lucia. A passionate team of distillers, blenders, engineers, technicians, and administrative staff work together to produce some of the world's best rums and rum products. St. Lucia Distillers Group of Companies products have been recognized at the world's most exacting competitions, winning numerous accolades and awards. The Company prides itself on its commitment to product development and has an offering of over 25 rums and rum products from premium rums and liqueurs to traditional pouring rums.



# Wednesday

April 17, 2024

## NETWORKING COFFEE

8:00 - 9:00

### Developments in Sugar Production & Impact on Molasses

Olmar Lopez, International Technical Service (Puerto Rico)

9:00 - 9:30

### Mash Preparation for Non-Sugar Based Feedstocks

Robert Fotheringham, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Scotland)

9:30 - 10:15

### Preparation & Fermentation Management of Molasses & Sugar Cane Feedstocks

Robert Piggot, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Canada)

10:15 - 11:00

11:00 - 11:30

## COFFEE

### Physiology of Ethanol-Producing Yeasts (Including flavor congener development)

Graeme Walker, Abertay University & Ethanol Technology Institute (Scotland)

11:30 - 12:15

### Selecting An Effective Yeast Strain for Your Feedstock

Elena Fossati, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Canada)

12:15 - 13:00

13:00 - 14:00

## LUNCH

14:00 - 14:45

### Yeast Pretreatment & Propagation

Chris Richards, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (USA)

14:45 - 15:30

### Yeast Nutrition to Improve Fermentations

Maria Nachetova, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Estonia)

15:30 - 16:00

## COFFEE

16:00 - 16:45

### Cane Juice Fermentations

Devon Date, Renegade Rum Distillery

16:45 - 17:15

### Fermentation Management

Annick Mercier, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Canada)

17:15 - 18:00

### Sensory Aspects of Distilled Spirits / Rum Flavor Characteristics

Maryse Bolzon, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (France)

18:30 - 20:30

## NETWORKING COCKTAILS SPIRITS TASTING & BUFFET

# Thursday

April 18, 2024

8:00 - 9:00

## NETWORKING COFFEE

9:00 - 9:45

### Proprietary Yeasts - Isolation / Selection / Benefits

Struan Reid, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Scotland)

9:45 - 10:30

### Contamination & Control in Distilleries

Don Benn, West Indies Rum Distillery (Barbados)

10:30 - 11:00

## COFFEE

11:00 - 11:45

### Theory of Distillation for Potable Spirits

Phil Madson, MADSON GLOBAL (USA)

11:45 - 12:30

### Distillation Troubleshooting for Potable Spirits

Phil Madson, MADSON GLOBAL (USA)

12:30 - 13:00

### Managing Alcohol Distillation Processes

Robert Piggot, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Canada)

13:00 - 14:00

## LUNCH

14:00 - 14:45

### Practical Troubleshooting a Distillery

Kiara Premalal, Alco NCP Durban (South Africa)

14:45 - 15:30

### Maturation Biochemistry

Robert Fotheringham, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Scotland)

15:30 - 16:00

## COFFEE

16:00 - 18:00

### Microbial Alternatives for Flavor Diversity and Impact on Organoleptic Aspects

Elena Fossati, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Canada)

Haley Churchill, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (USA)

18:00 -

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# Friday

April 19, 2024

8:00 - 9:00

## NETWORKING COFFEE

9:00 - 9:45

### Improving Molasses Fermentations - Practical Case Studies

Jose Antonio Marques, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Brazil)

9:45 - 10:15

### Neutral Alcohol & Botanical Extraction

Robert Piggot, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Canada)

10:15 - 10:45

### Whisky Production Around the World

Johnny McGhee Doyle, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Scotland)

10:45 - 11:15

## COFFEE

11:15 - 11:45

### Cachaça & Rhums

Maryse Bolzon, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (France)

11:45 - 12:15

### Mezcal & Tequila

Rafael Resendiz, Diageo (Mexico)

12:15 - 13:00

### Ethyl Carbamate Practical Solutions in Spirit Production

Robert Fotheringham, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Scotland)

13:00 - 14:00

## LUNCH

14:00 - 14:45

### Distilled Spirits: Quality Management

Robert Fotheringham, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Scotland)

14:45 - 15:30

### Sustainability in Distilleries

Johnny McGhee Doyle, Lallemand Biofuels & Distilled Spirits (Scotland)

15:30 - 16:00

## COFFEE

16:00 - 16:45

### Waste Treatment

Christopher Gentles, Jamaica Spirits Pool Association (Jamaica)

16:45 - 17:30

### Key Note Lecture

Margaret Monplaisir, CEO, St. Lucia Distillers (St. Lucia)

17:30 - 19:30

### Closing Networking Reception & Certificate Presentation