



FOOD MICROBIOLOGY
DEVELOPING SCIENTIST POSTER COMPETITION
sponsored by the
**INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD MICROBIOLOGY
AND HYGIENE**

The International Committee on Food Microbiology and Hygiene (ICFMH) of the International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS) will sponsor a Developing Scientist Poster Competition at the Food Microbiology section of the 29th Brazilian Congress of Microbiology, 22-25 October, 2017, Foz do Iguacu, Brazil.

Purpose

1. To encourage students and young scientists for submitting abstracts to present their original research in food microbiology and related areas.
2. To foster professionalism in students and recent graduates through contact with peers who attend the Brazilian Congress of Microbiology.

Awards

Best Poster: 500 euros and an ICFMH Certificate

Second best Poster: ICFMH Certificate

Third best Poster: ICFMH Certificate

General Information

The ICFMH Developing Scientist Poster Competition is open to undergraduate or graduate students and young scientists who have graduated not more than one year prior to the deadline developing research in food microbiology and related areas. The work must represent original research, not published in a scientific journal. The competing individual must be the first author and be at the poster on the assigned date and time, specified in the program, and be ready to answer questions of the Award Committee.

Judging Process

The ICFMH Developing Scientist Poster Competition Award Committee, to be appointed by the ICFMH Board, will review all abstracts accepted for presentation as poster in Food Microbiology section of the 29th Brazilian Congress of Microbiology and select those eligible for the Award, based on the novelty, comprehensiveness and conciseness of the abstract. Authors of selected abstracts eligible for the award will be notified by email in due time.

The three finalists will be selected during the congress, when the Award Committee will visit the pre-selected posters. Selection of the finalists will be based on the following criteria:

- 1 *Scientific Quality* - Adequacy of experimental design (methodology, controls, replication), extent to which objectives were met, difficulty and thoroughness of research, validity of conclusions based upon data, technical merit, and contribution to science
- 2 *Presentation* - Organization (clarity of introduction, objectives, methods, results, conclusions), quality of illustrations, ability to answer questions, and knowledge of subject

Announcement of Awards

The ICFMH Developing Scientist Poster Award winners will be announced at the closing ceremony.