



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD MICROBIOLOGY AND HYGIENE

DEVELOPING SCIENTIST POSTER AWARD COMPETITION

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 30th Brazilian Congress of Microbiology, Maceio, AL, Brazil.

Purpose

1. To encourage students and recent graduates to present their original research in the field of Food Microbiology.
2. To foster professionalism in students and recent graduates through contact with peers who attend the 30th Brazilian Congress of Microbiology.

General Information

1. This competition is open to undergraduate, MSc, and PhD students and postgraduate fellows, including those who have graduated not more than one year prior to the deadline for submitting abstracts
2. The entrant must be the first author of the poster and be present to answer questions for a specified time during the assigned session
3. The work must represent original research completed and presented by the entrant
4. Competitors may enter only one poster in the competition
5. Acceptance of an abstract for presentation is independent of acceptance as a competition finalist
6. In addition to following the instructions in the “Call for Abstracts,” competition entrants must indicate if the poster is to be entered in this competition
7. A panel of judges will evaluate the abstracts preceding the conference and the poster at the conference
8. Competitors chosen as finalists will be notified of their status by the chairperson of the Developing Scientist Poster Award Committee
9. Competitors must be registered for the 30th Brazilian Congress of Microbiology.

Judging Process

All abstracts accepted for presentation and entered in the Developing Scientist Poster Award competition at 30th Brazilian Congress of Microbiology will be reviewed by the Award Committee. Only eligible abstracts accepted for presentation as posters and entered in the competition will be judged.

Judging Criteria

- 1 *Abstract* - Clarity, comprehensiveness, and conciseness
- 2 *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
- 3 *Poster* - Organization (clarity of introduction, objectives, methods, results, conclusions), quality of illustrations, ability to answer questions, and knowledge of subject

Criteria 2 and 3 will be evaluated during the conference.

Announcement of Awards

The names of finalists will be announced and an award will be presented at the closing session of the 30th Brazilian Congress of Microbiology. The winners of first, second, and third place awards will be presented with prizes of 250, 150, and 100 euros, respectively, and framed certificates. All finalists are expected to be present at the closing session.