



INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD MICROBIOLOGY AND HYGIENE

DEVELOPING SCIENTIST AWARD COMPETITION

The International Committee on Food Microbiology and Hygiene (ICFMH) will sponsor a Developing Scientist Competition at the 32nd Brazilian Congress of Microbiology, Brazil.

The International Committee on Food Microbiology and Hygiene was founded in 1953 and belongs to International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS). The major scope of ICFMH is to contribute to food safety and controlling food spoilage internationally, by means of organizing conferences (e.g. FOODMICRO), symposia and workshops, supporting of international bodies in food microbiology issues, publications (e.g. the International Journal of Food Microbiology), and initiation of education and training in food microbiology. More information at <https://icfmh.org>.

Purpose of the Developing Scientist Competition

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 32nd Brazilian Congress of Microbiology.

General Information

1. The competition comprises framed certificates and awards of 250, 150, and 100 euros, for the first, second and third best abstracts submitted in the food microbiology session, respectively.
2. The Developing Scientist Competition is open to undergraduate, MSc, and PhD students and post-doctors holding a fellowship, that submit abstracts in the food microbiology session as first authors. **Abstracts must be in English and represent original research work, not published in a scientific journal yet.**
3. The coordinators of the Food Microbiology session of the Brazilian Society of Microbiology and one member of ICFMH will indicate the ICFMH Judging Panel. This panel will select the 5 finalist abstracts, based on the following judging criteria:
 - a. Clarity, comprehensiveness, adequacy of experimental design and conciseness
 - b. Validity of conclusions and contribution to science

4. The first authors of the 5 finalist abstracts will be invited for an oral presentation (10 min) of the work (Portuguese or English) and answer questions of Judging Panel (5 min) in a specific session during the 32nd Brazilian Congress of Microbiology. Competitors chosen as finalists will be notified of their status by the chairperson of the ICFMH Judging Panel, who is in charge of sending the invitations and instructions for the oral presentation.
5. The oral presentations will be judged for the scientific quality of the research (introduction, objectives, methods, results, conclusions and contribution to science), overall quality of the presentation and capability to answer the questions formulated by ICFMH Judging Panel.
6. To be eligible for the awards, the first author of the finalist abstracts must be registered in the 32nd Brazilian Congress of Microbiology.
7. Only the 5 abstracts selected by the ICFMH Judging Panel are eligible for the ICFMH awards. The acceptance of an abstract for presentation in the 32nd Brazilian Congress of Microbiology does not assure eligibility for the ICFMH awards.
8. The ICFMH Developing Scientist Competition winners will be announced by an ICFMH representative in the closing session of the 32nd Brazilian Congress of Microbiology (October 22, 2023);
9. The winners will be contacted by the chairperson of the ICFMH Judging Panel for practical arrangements regarding sending of certificates and cash prizes.