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 Ninth International Conference on Predictive Modelling for Food Quality and Safety (ICPMF9).

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 ICPMF9.

General Information
1. This competition is open to undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate students, 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. Students may enter only one poster paper in the competition.
5. If an abstract is selected to be present in an oral paper session, it will be disqualified from the poster award competition.
6. Acceptance of an abstract for presentation is independent of acceptance as a competition finalist.
7. In addition to following the instructions in the “Call for Abstracts,” competition entrants must indicate if the paper is to be entered in the competition.
8. Competition entrants who are chosen as finalists will be notified of their status by the chairperson of the Developing Scientist Award Committee.
Judging Process

All abstracts accepted for presentation and entered in either the Developing Scientist Award competition at ICPMF9 will be reviewed by the Award Committee. Only eligible abstracts accepted for presentation as posters and entered in the competition will be judged.

A panel of judges will evaluate the abstracts for the poster competition. The finalist will be notified in advance of the ICPMF9.

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

Announcement of Awards

The names of finalists will be announced and an award will be presented at the closing session of ICPMF9. The winner will be presented with a prize of 500 euros and a framed certificate. All finalists are expected to be present at the closing session.