



## **STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION** *sponsored by the* **INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON FOOD MICROBIOLOGY AND HYGIENE**

The International Committee on Food Microbiology and Hygiene (ICFMH) of the Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS) will sponsor a Student Poster Paper Competition at 12th International Conference on Predictive Modelling in Food, (Sapporo, Japan) June 13-16, 2023. The topic of the competing poster presentations should be food microbiology and hygiene.

### **Purpose**

1. To encourage developing scientists to present their original research.
2. To foster professionalism in students and recent graduates through contact with peers who attend the KFN meeting.

### **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 senior author of the poster and be present to answer questions for a specified time during the assigned session.
3. The focus of the research presented must be in the area of food microbiology and hygiene.
4. The work must represent original research completed and presented by the entrant.
5. Students may enter only one poster in the competition.
6. If an abstract is selected for presentation in an oral paper session, it will be disqualified from the poster award competition.
7. Acceptance of an abstract for presentation as a poster is independent of acceptance as a competition finalist.
8. Abstracts not accepted by the conference for poster presentations will be disqualified from the competition.
9. In addition to following the instructions in the "Call for Abstracts," competition entrants must indicate if the paper is to be entered in this competition.
10. Competition entrants who are chosen as finalists will be notified of their status by the chairperson of the Student Poster Award Committee.
11. Entrants must be registered for the 12th International Conference on Predictive Modelling in Food.

### **Judging Process**

All abstracts submitted for presentation at the 12th International Conference on Predictive Modelling in Food and entered into the competition will be reviewed by the Conference Scientific Committee. Only eligible abstracts entered in the competition will be evaluated. The finalists will be notified in advance of the Conference.

### **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 the 12th International Conference on Predictive Modelling in Food. The winner will be presented with a prize of Euro 250 and a certificate. Finalist should be present at the closing session.