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*Guidelines for the International Committee on Food Microbiology and Hygiene Developing Scientist poster and oral Presentation Award Competitions, FOODMICRO 2022*

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The International Committee on Food Microbiology and Hygiene (ICFMH) of the International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS) will sponsor Developing Scientist Poster and Oral Award competitions at FoodMicro 2022, 28-31 August in Athens, Greece.

### **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 FoodMicro 2022.

### **General Information**

1. This competition is open to 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 or oral presentation and be present at FoodMicro 2022 to answer questions for a specified time during an assigned session at the conference;
3. The work must represent original research completed and presented by the entrant;
4. Competitors can enter an abstract for only ONE POSTER OR ONE ORAL presentation in the competition;
5. The competitors must indicate the Year and Month of their enrollment in the postgraduate studies or of their graduation at the End of Their Abstracts. Failure to do so will result in denial into the competition by the Award Committee.
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 in the online Abstract Submission section if his/her poster or oral presentation is to be entered in this competition;
8. A panel of judges will evaluate the abstracts preceding the conference and assess the poster and oral presentations at the conference;
9. Competitors chosen as finalists will be notified of their status by the chairpersons of the Developing Scientist Poster and Oral Award Committees;
10. Competitors must be registered for FoodMicro 2022.



## Judging Process

All abstracts accepted for presentation and entered in the Developing Scientist Poster or Oral Award competitions at FoodMicro 2022 will be reviewed by the Award Committee. Only eligible abstracts entered in the competition and accepted for poster or oral presentation 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 *Presentation* - 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 awards will be presented at the closing session of FoodMicro 2022. The winners of first, second, and third place awards will be presented with framed certificates and prizes of 500, 300, and 100 euros, respectively, for poster presentations as well as for oral presentations. All finalists are expected to be present at the closing session.