Abstract submission guidelines & Abstract requirements

Abstract submission deadline: 15 January 2019

Abstracts received after the deadline may still be considered for poster presentation only. Notifications regarding acceptance of the abstracts will be sent on a regular basis (within two or three weeks after submission).

All abstracts will be reviewed and considered for oral or poster presentations by the Scientific Committee. Once an abstract is accepted, at least the (oral or poster) presenting author must register for the conference. Accepted abstracts will be confirmed by email to the corresponding author and will have an abstract reference number, to be quoted in all correspondence. Accepted abstract for which a presenter has registered will be included in the congress app and on an abstract page that will be accessible to all registered participants.

Online Abstract submission

- Abstracts will only be accepted through online submission.
- It is the author’s responsibility to ensure the information provided is complete and accurate.
- Once completed and submitted electronically, the same abstract cannot be submitted again. You can edit the submission via your account until the abstract submission deadline, after the final submission deadline corrections will not be accepted.
- Submission of an abstract implies your acceptance for the abstract to be published in official GHI2019 publications.
- Abstracts will be peer-reviewed and the Scientific Committee will determine whether the abstract will be accepted as oral or poster presentation. Posters will be displayed on poster boards (no electronic poster system).

Abstract requirements

Abstracts should meet all of the following specifications in order to be considered for scheduling:

- **Language**
  Abstracts should be written in English. The GHI2019 organizers reserve the right to correct abstracts for obvious spelling or grammatical errors without the authors' consent.

- **Authors**
  Authors names, institutional affiliations, cities, and countries of all contributing authors should be provided. A maximum of 10 authors per abstract is allowed. Authors' first name and middle name (if any) initials, followed by his or her last name as entered, will appear on the abstract when it will be published. Authors’ names will appear in the order entered by the submitting author. Before submission, the presenting author should make sure that all co-authors are aware of the content of the abstract.

  The presenting author (not necessarily the first author) should be identified. All communications regarding an abstract will go to the submitting author, irrespective the designation of the presenting author. Please verify that your email address (submitter and presenting author) is correct as it will be used for contacting you after the review process.

  Presenting authors must be registered participants.
• **Title**
  Each abstract should have a brief descriptive title of maximum 20 words and should be written in upper case. Trademarks are not allowed in the abstract title.

• **Abstract text**
  The abstract text should not exceed 350 words (approx. 2000 characters).

  Abstracts about research must include the following:
  o Introduction
  o Purpose
  o Methods
  o Results
  o Conclusions

  Other types of abstracts should be a clear summary of the presentation.

• **Illustration**
  One figure/table/photograph may be added to an abstract. Submit graphical illustrations in jpg format and make reference to the illustration in the abstract text. Provide a brief caption for your illustration.

• **References**
  A maximum of five literature references may be added at the end of the abstract text. State only the first author’s name and bibliography (not the title of the paper) of each reference.

• **Acknowledgements**
  Mention all sources of funding of the work described and other acknowledgements briefly at the end of the abstract text. References and acknowledgements are included in the 350 word count for the abstract text.

• **Abstract topic**
  When asked to select an abstract topic from the pull-down menu, select the abstract topic matching the content of your abstract best. If none of the pre-specified topics applies to your abstract, while it fits the scope of the GHI World Congress on Food Safety and Security, select ‘Other’. The organizers reserve the right to change abstract topics for the purpose of oral or poster scheduling.

**Congress and abstract topics:**

1. Food microbiology
2. Genomics and genetics
3. Food chemistry
4. Food safety assessment
5. Food science, education and communication
6. Global food safety incidences
7. Food safety versus nutrition security
8. Factory design and food safety
9. New technologies for food safety and security
10. Food wastes, recycling wastes for generating a clean environment
11. Food packaging safety developments, standardization and regulation
12. Ethics in the food chain (Jointly with ISEKI)
13. Food laws and regulations
14. Consumers
15. Other
**GHI Congress awards:**

The scientific committee shall evaluate all oral as well as poster presentations, afterwards, three young scientists and three poster awards will be granted.

**Publications**

In order to publish the outcomes of the First GHI World Congress on Food Safety and Security, the organising committee could manage to get approval of two peer reviewed scientific journals of which the scope fits the topics of this congress. Therefore, the scientific committee shall make the selection among all oral and poster presentations and selected authors will be asked by the organising committee to prepare a manuscript within 10 weeks after the congress is ended. All manuscripts will be peer reviewed prior of being published.

If you have any questions, please contact the GHI2019 Conference Secretariat at GHI2019@congressbydesign.com.