

The First East African Food Safety, Nutrition, Agro-processing and Innovation conference: 29th March to 1st April, 2016

Call for abstracts and submission of papers

Preamble

The **Food Science and Technology Platform of Kenya (FSTPK)** invites you for this important congregation of East African professionals. FSTPK is a Kenyan-based professional association that envisions an elaborate network of food science and allied professionals that can contribute significantly towards solving problems of food insecurity in Kenya and the world at large. Towards this end, the association endeavors to provide a platform where significant findings of research and innovation can be disseminated. Students, researchers and practitioners will therefore find an opportunity to engage the public and key stakeholders on significant findings. The conference will be preceded by a training workshop on recent self-diagnostic tools for food safety and quality management for food business operators, researchers and policy makers.

THEME Food Safety, Nutrition, Agro-processing and Innovation for Regional Development

Sub-themes:

1. Food safety and consumer awareness
2. Agro-processing for development
3. Current Innovations in food industry
4. Nutrition and HIV management
5. Education, Science and Technology

Guidelines for abstracts

Abstracts should be written in English and must be between 200 and 300 words typed in Times New Roman, font 12 with 1.15 spacing. An MS-Word should be submitted to fstpkenya@yahoo.com with a copy to georkoyo@yahoo.com, and jngichure@gmail.com on or before 20th December, 2015. The abstract should outline the aim of the research, methodology, major findings and conclusions. The abstract should also outline the authors' names, affiliations, addresses and email/telephone numbers of corresponding author. Notifications for accepted abstract shall be done by 20th January, 2016 and full papers for accepted abstracts should be submitted by 29th February, 2016.

Guidelines for full paper

The full papers will undergo peer review process and those that meet the quality criteria shall be published in a special issue of the African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND). The authors are therefore advised to prepare their papers in accordance to the

AJFAND author guidelines as stipulated at <http://www.ajfand.net/AJFAND/informationtoauthors.html>. Authors should bear in mind that there is related processing fees of USD 75 (Kshs. 7,500). The secretariat envisages the publications to be out within three months after the conference. Electronic copies should be submitted to fstpkenya@yahoo.com with a copy to georkoyo@yahoo.com, and jngchure@gmail.com. Since quality papers from the conference will be published in a special journal issue, only papers not yet submitted for publication elsewhere shall be reviewed.

Guidelines for Posters

Posters should be eligible from a distance and prepared in A2 size papers of approximately 80cm in height and 60cm in width.

Venue: KEFRI Headquarters, Muguga

Important dates

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: **20th December, 2015**

Full Paper Submission Deadline: **29th February, 2016**

Conference Dates: **29th March to 1 April, 2016**

Pre-conference Workshops: 29th and 30th March, 2016 (limited places, acceptance based on first register basis)

Conference fees (Inclusive of conference materials, teas and lunch)

Students (Undergraduate and Masters) - Kshs.3, 000 (USD. 40) per person

Kenya and East Africa Participants - Kshs.6, 000 (USD. 60) per person

Participants from other countries - Kshs.8, 000 (USD. 80).

Exhibition-Ksh. 15,000 (USD. 150).

Fee for Preconference Workshop Participants: Kshs.2, 500 (USD. 25) per person per workshop day.

Conference fees can be paid by Bankers Cheque/direct cash deposits to:

Food Science and Technology Platform of Kenya,

Cooperative Bank, Moi Avenue branch,

Account no. 01134123853800

Accommodation

Accommodation is available at KEFRI Headquarters as well as nearby hotels at affordable rates. For more communication on this matter please check website for updates.

For more information please contact the secretariat and website: www.fstpkenya.com

Pre-Conference workshop on current and emerging issues on aflatoxin management in the context of climate change, 30th March, 2016

Aflatoxins are toxic chemicals produced as by-products by fungi (moulds) that grow on maize, groundnuts and other food crops. These toxins also affect feedstuffs, which then contaminate milk, meat and eggs. The toxins occur everywhere in the world, but pose particularly high risks in tropical developing countries where certain staple foods, such as maize and sorghum, comprise a large part of the diets of the poor. With maize and milk being so important in Kenyan diets, their contamination with aflatoxins poses a large threat to public health.

Enormous research efforts on the occurrence, effects and management of aflatoxins have taken place in the last decade cutting across food safety and agro-processing. Important things to note include current innovative approaches in research and solutions thereof in the control and prevention of aflatoxins in the face of climate change and variability.

It is against this backdrop that the East African Food Safety conference organized by Food Science and Technology Platform, the first one of its kind in East Africa, has been mooted to allow for sharing and dissemination of cutting edge scientific information on prevention and control of aflatoxin with emphasis on nutrition, agro-processing and Innovation.

This pre-conference workshop intends to discuss among other things:

1. Current nature, occurrence and health effects of aflatoxin in staple foods and animal feeds
2. Practical skills in assessing and implementing governance strategies in aflatoxin control.
3. Integrated and innovative approach in aflatoxin control in the face of climate change and variability.
4. Synergies towards control and management of aflatoxin: FoSTeP-K, government institutions, non-governmental institutions and researchers.

At the end of the workshop participants should be able to have a practical overview of aflatoxin contamination and management as well as way forward on mitigation.

Intended Target: food industry, government and academia, Quality Assurance personnel from food processing sector, food safety authorities, food standard officials, students, researchers and lecturers in the field of food safety and quality, and related fields.

Venue: KEFRI Headquarters, 23km from Nairobi, Off Nairobi-Nakuru Highway

Date: March 30th, 2016

Time: 09:00hrs—16:00hrs

Fees: KES 2000 (to be paid using the same account as the conference but specified with “Preconference FSTPK” and your name as reference)
Registration information: Send an email to fstpkkenya@yahoo.com and copied to georkoyo@yahoo.com, josphatnjiengag@gmail.com

AJFAND Pre-conference Scholarly Writing Workshop

The African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development (AJFAND), a Scientific, Peer Reviewed, Scholarly Journal with global reach, published in Kenya since 2001 will hold a scholarly writing workshop on **March 30th, 2016** during The First East African Food Safety, Nutrition, Agro-processing and Innovation Conference: 29th March – 1st April, 2016.

The workshop will be an opportunity to introduce scholars to AJFAND and to learn about AJFAND's publishing process and policies. Some of the topics covered will be:

- Introduction to AJFAND
- AJFAND publishing process (workflow)
- Disseminating African scholarly research through Online/ Open Access publishing
- Scholarly writing guidelines: how to effectively present and communicate your research
- Publishing ethics

This scholarly publishing and writing workshop will help participants understand the requirements of AJFAND secretariat for a quick review process of articles. Therefore we encourage those who have submitted their abstracts and full text articles for special issue publication to participate in this workshop.

Please register as space is limited. Priority will be given to those who register early.

Venue: KEFRI Headquarters, Muguga (~23km Northwest of Nairobi)

Date: March 30th, 2016

Time: 08:30—12:00

Fees: USD 25.00 (to be paid using the same account as the conference but specified with “Preconference FSTPK” and your name as reference)

Facilitator: AJFAND Secretariat

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