

# International Conference on Innovation, Quality and Food Safety

“Congrès International sur l’Innovation, la Qualité  
& la Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments”

## Introduction

According to the WHO, around 600 million people in the world contract diseases from contaminated food and 420 000 die as a result. Access to safe and nutritional food in sufficient quantities is a major concern for all nations. Member states of the WHO (2000) recognized food safety as an essential aspect of public health. With changes in eating habits and the continuous emergence of new health risks, innovation, at an organizational level as well as in the fields of research and sustainable development, has become indispensable. In the agri-food sector, innovation is a key determinant of competitiveness as it is essential to maintain a leading position in export markets. It leads to safer products with higher added value, which allows firms to conquer new markets and helps them meet the expectations and aspiration of the consumers.

According to the United Nations, department of economic and social affairs (2015), the world’s population is expected to reach 9.7 billion in 2050. Thus, firms evolving in the agri-food industry are facing an increasingly difficult challenge: producing more food to meet the needs of the growing population while using the least amount of resources possible and minimizing the environmental impact. Moreover, a renewed interest in natural and/or organic products has been witnessed in the past few years. Consumers have become more and more demanding and aware of the consequences of processed food and agricultural practices on the environment and health (use of pesticides, excessive packaging, ...). In this context, companies must pursue new products, implement innovative processes and adopt a good-quality management system in order to tackle the market pressure and address the consumer’s preferences. Biotechnology can be a promising solution as it provides a wide range of tools, which can be used in the food industry. It is based on innovation and plays a prominent role in a variety of sectors including agriculture, agri-food and pharmaceutical industries, health and environment. Indeed, Biotechnology can be used to improve the quality and safety of food as well as to increase food supply by allowing to adapt to various environment conditions while using less natural and human resources.

This international conference will address these themes and highlight recent research advances in the area of innovation, biotechnology and food quality and safety.

It is organized by the Laboratory of Agri-food and food safety (University Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdelalh, Morocco) in collaboration with the Biotechnology pole.

## Objectives

In addition to exchanging knowledge and expertise, this conference will be the opportunity to share with the academic and socio-professional community, the research themes of our laboratories as well as the recent developments in the area of innovation. Identifying the needs of local, national and international agri-food companies in terms of training and research will also be one of the objectives of this conference. Moreover, it will strengthen the already existing and fruitful collaboration between Agri-food companies and our laboratory.

## Themes

- 1- Biotechnology and innovation
- 2- Quality and safety of food
- 3- Valorization of bio-resources

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## Modalities of Participation :

- \* Oral presentation (10 min) + discussion (5 min)
- \* Poster presentations “poster dimensions:120/190 cm”
- \* Round tables (45 min).

## Submission : (Instructions to authors )

Participants who wish to present their work are invited to submit a one page abstract in French or English, A4 format, before September 30th, 2018, to the address indicated below :

[icifqs@gmail.com](mailto:icifqs@gmail.com)

The text must be written in Times New Roman 12, single space, and in Word format.

- The title must be concise, with no abbreviation, and precise enough to explain the subject;
- The abstract should contain the names of the authors as well as the name of their institution of origin and their email addresses.
- The abstract must not exceed 250 words
- Key words: 3-5 words

## Registration fee:

Participants from :  
Morocco

	Before October 26	After October 26
Students:	600 DH	800 DH
Faculty:	1200 DH	1500 DH
Professionals:	2000 DH	2000 DH

Other countries:

120 €                      150 €

The fee covers documentation, coffee breaks and lunch.

## Award and distinction:

- Best oral communications award
- Best posters award

**IMPORTANT**

## Important dates

**Due to a technical issue with Google Form that does not accept registration via email other than Gmail, the deadline for submission of abstracts is extended to October 28, 2018**



Deadline for abstracts' submission : **October 28th, 2018**  
(~~September 30th, 2018~~)

Notification of acceptance by the Scientific Committee :  
**October 24 to 31, 2018** (~~October 22th, 2018~~)

Final Program: **November 20th, 2018**

Conference: **November 28th -30th, 2018**

## Registration :

To register [Click here](#)

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