

9th International Food Safety Congress

5-6 November 2026 İstanbul-TÜRKİYE
Grand Cevahir Hotel & Convention Center

“Access to Safe Food: Everyone's Right, Everyone's Responsibility”



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Dear Participants,

The 8th International Food Safety Congress—where scientific knowledge and sectoral experience in the field of food safety came together in strong synergy—has been successfully concluded thanks to the great interest and valuable contributions of our esteemed stakeholders. This powerful interaction and high level of participation represent not only a measure of success, but also an important responsibility and source of motivation for us to build something even better.

With this awareness and determination, we have already begun preparations for the 9th International Food Safety Congress.

Today, food safety is directly linked to many critical issues, including climate change, natural disasters, global supply chain vulnerabilities, technological transformation, digitalization, sustainability, and evolving consumer expectations. This dynamic and complex structure makes it essential to address food safety not merely as a technical issue, but as a shared responsibility of science, regulation, industry, and society through a multidisciplinary approach. Our Congress aims to provide a comprehensive platform where these global and current challenges will be discussed from scientific, technical, and sectoral perspectives.

Held under the slogan “Access to Safe Food: Everyone’s Right, Everyone’s Responsibility,” the 9th Congress will particularly encourage the sharing of good practice examples, field experiences, and innovative solutions, in addition to knowledge exchange. Through an increased number of interactive sessions, participants are expected not only to listen, but also to actively shape the program with their insights and contributions.

By bringing together scientific and technological approaches shaping the future of food safety, current regulatory trends, and good practices from the field on a single platform, this Congress offers participants not only the opportunity to gain knowledge, but also to guide and create impact.

The 9th International Food Safety Congress, which will bring together all stakeholders who play a key role in the field of food safety, will be held on November 5–6, 2026, at the Grand Cevahir Hotel and Convention Center.

We would be honored and delighted to welcome you once again to this important gathering.

Sincerely

Dr. Samim Sauer

Congress Chair

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REGISTRATION FEES	EARLY REGISTRATION Before 03 July 2026	REGISTRATION After 03 July 2026
Member Participants	310 €	335 €
Other Participants	350 €	375 €
Students	220 €	245 €
Daily Participant	250 €	

*** Prices include VAT**

Member Participant Includes GGD, ASD, ASÜD, BESD-BİR, EHEDG, ISEKI, MONIQA, SETBİR, TÜGİS, TÜRKİYEMBİR, WPO, YUM-BİR (written in alphabetical order) members and FAO Institution employees..

- Participants who will benefit from the student discount must send their student documents showing that they have received a food-related education along with their registration form to the Technical Secretariat. This discount is valid for associate degree students, undergraduate students and graduate students. Discounts do not apply to those who are graduate students and are also professionally working full-time or part-time in a company. Their applications will not be accepted.
- Participants who will make a daily attendance must specify the date in their registration forms.

Participant Profile

- Food Industry Employers and Managers
- From Farm to Table Food Industry Professionals
- Representatives of Public Authorities
- Representatives of Local Authorities
- Representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations
- Representatives of Consumer Organizations
- Representatives of Professional Organizations with Public Institution Status
- Food, Packaging, and Feed Laboratories
- Certification and Inspection Bodies
- Food and Feed Inspectors, Auditors, and Consultants
- Academics and Researchers
- Students in Relevant Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programs
- Representatives of National and International Press

SUBMISSION

Submissions to the 9th International Food Safety Congress will only be accepted via the electronic system (abstractagent) in Congress' web site. The candidates must first sign into the system from the following link <https://www.abstractagent.com/2026gidaguvenligi/> then follow the steps and send their submissions. After your submission is successfully received you will receive an e-mail from the system. Only submissions that are complete and correctly sent will be evaluated by the commission, any incomplete submission will be directly deleted from the system. If you didn't receive an e-mail your submission might not have been successfully received. Please check.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is **May 22, 2026**, and abstracts sent after this date will not be evaluated. Abstract submissions will be made in two ways, either orally or as a poster. While the Scientific Advisory Board considers these preferences, it also has the right to change the form of the abstract submissions. It's important to follow the rules stated in the abstract applications.

Evaluation and Publishing the Abstracts

The abstracts will be evaluated by at least 2 (two) members from the Scientific Committee in a way that the applicant's identity will not be visible, the results of the evaluation, acceptance or rejection letters and the form of presentation (oral/ poster) will be given to the applicants at least by **June 15, 2026**. If deemed necessary, the abstract will be sent to the third referee for consideration.

In order to complete the registration process, the registration form in the website must be filled in sent and finally the registration fee must be deposited to the indicated bank account. For detailed information on registration please browse our site's "Registration and Accommodation" section. Participants whose submissions were accepted and who wants to benefit from early registration discount must complete their registrations until **July 3, 2026**, the last date for early registration. Abstracts that are not presented during the congress and despite being in the program or that are not submitted in time will not be published.

A digital version of all abstracts will be given to each participant and also will be electronically published on the Congress' web site.



Principles of Preparing an Abstract Submission

Abstracts submissions must be directly related to congress' topics and submission will be made over an electronic system in English languages. Presentations may be made in Turkish of English depending on the author's preference.

Although the Congress will primarily focus on the following topics, other relevant topics related to food safety will also be accepted. In the evaluation of the abstracts, their relevance to the food industry/ potential applications in the food industry will also be considered.

- Best Practice Examples of Industry / R&D Centers in Food Safety
- Traceability
- One Health
- Food Fraud and Authenticity
- Food Systems More Resilient to Food Safety Crises
- Novel Foods / New Technologies
- Usage of Scientific Data in Food Safety Communication
- Emerging Risks in Food Safety
- The Digital Age, Artificial Intelligence, and Food Safety
- New Approaches / Innovative Solutions in Food Safety
- Food Safety from Psychological, Sociological, and Economic Perspectives
- Sustainable Food Safety
- Food Safety Legislation and their Enforcement / Country Examples
- Newly developed analysis methods

The content and typos and grammar are under the responsibility of the author/s. The Scientific Committee will not make any corrections on the abstracts.

Abstracts must be minimum 480 words, maximum 600 words in total (excluding the titles and address) and they must contain following sections. ; Previews will be performed by the secretariat and the abstracts that do not follow the respective word counts will be returned to the author to be corrected by them.

Research Based Abstracts

- Title
- Research hypothesis (40-50 words. This section should include the reasoning of the research subject and the scientific background of it clearly.)
- Method (150-200 words maximum. This section must be clear enough for the scientific

setup to be understandable and it must include statistical analysis methods with analytic techniques. Avoid giving details on standard methods. If there are any modifications on any methods they must be emphasized.)

- Results (250-300 words maximum. This section should have objective data about the problem that is the subject of the research. The concrete contributions of the conclusions to the concept of food safety need to be briefly discussed in this section.)
- Discussion (40-50 words maximum. The concrete contribution of the research problem to the concept of food safety must be briefly discussed in this section.)

Compilation Abstracts

- Title
- Main Text (A brief discussion? on how these compilation subject will contribute to the concept of food safety is expected in this section.)
- Open areas on compilation which are related to food safety and not subject to research yet.
- Details of at least 3 research articles of the responsible author of the abstract submissions concerning the compilation subject.

Example source citing: George, S., Martin, H. and Koch, J. 2017. Food Safety, J Dairy Sci, 44 (2): 1-12.

Poster Preparation and Presentation Rules

- The size of the Poster has to be 70cm (horizontal) x 100cm (vertical) in one piece.
- Poster has to include summary, introduction, method, findings, conclusions and discussion parts; references have to be indicated.
- There is no limitation for the use of colors for posters. To increase the visuality; colored forms and photos can be freely used.
- Posters have to be printed by participants themselves.
- Poster will be hang on the numbered boards designated by the Organization Committee. Organizers will help owners of the posters while hanging the posters.
- Owners of the posters must be present at the poster area reserved for them during the determined time at the program to inform the participants about their work.
- Posters should be removed as soon as the poster presentation time is over.



POSTER CONTEST

The poster contest will also be held in the 9th International Food Safety Congress. Participants whose submissions has been accepted to be presented as a poster and who want to compete in the contest must submit their posters, as they will be presented, to the following email muhteber.ersin@ggd.org.tr until **September 21, 2026** Posters received after the mentioned date, will not be accepted to the contest

The posters that rank in the top three in the poster competition, as well as those deemed appropriate by the competition jury, will be accepted for the short presentation session.

Each presentation in the short presentation session will be allocated 5 minutes, and there will be no question-and-answer (discussion) segment.

Participants who deliver a short presentation will also present their posters during the scheduled poster session times.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission Deadline	May 22, 2026
Submission Results Declaration	June 15, 2026
Early Registration Deadline	July 3, 2026
Congress Dates	November 5–6, 2026

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