



Call for Posters

Call for Poster Abstracts for the EHEDG World Congress on Hygienic Engineering & Design 2018:

Posters are invited from scientists, engineers, students, researchers and food industry experts (including those from manufacturing, supply and retail) and other relevant industries, research institutes, universities and authorities concerned with hygienic engineering and design, food production, food processing, food quality and safety, innovative technologies and new trends in food safety.

If you are interested in submitting a poster, please download the [poster application form](#) and send it in, together with your abstract, to Debra Smith (dsmith@vikan.com) marked for the attention of the 'Scientific Committee', before the end of **July**.

Students should consider application for the [Hygienic Study Award](#).

Posters detailing investigations into the following areas are invited:

— Building and equipment design

Incorporation of hygienic design in food industry buildings, e.g. walls; floors; doors/shutters; roofs; drains; air, water, steam, chemical, air, gas, and lubricant delivery systems etc., as well as equipment such as food processing equipment, utility equipment e.g. trolleys, totes, storage, cleaning equipment, utensils etc.

— Cleaning

Cleaning and technology based disinfection methods for open and closed surfaces. Cleaning programme development, validation, monitoring and verification, e.g. for microbes, allergens, foreign bodies, DNA and proteins.

— Innovation

Hygiene and robotics. Novel materials/novel application of existing materials, to enhance hygiene. Nanomaterials and the role of composites. Innovative, hygienically designed equipment.

— Upgrading and renovation

The impact of buildings design and refurbishment on contamination control (microbes, DNA, allergens, foreign bodies). Risk assessment on changes to fabric or layout of factories. Factory new build/renovation case studies. Use of hygienic design and novel technologies/materials during factory design and refurbishment.

Abstracts and Posters:

- Should be of excellent quality and written in the English language.
- The Abstract must:
 - be based on recent findings (not older than two years);
 - not exceed two pages, including pictures, charts and tables;
 - be in plain text, in font size Arial 11 pt., single spaced with 2 cm margins;
 - contain short sections on:
 - an introduction to the study;
 - background;
 - material & methods;
 - results;
 - discussion on applicability in food processing;
 - conclusions;
 - references (max. 6); and
 - 4 to 5 keywords.
- Please do not use headings except for the title, which should be followed by the name(s) of the author(s) with affiliation(s).
- All Poster wording and illustrations should be readable from a distance of at least 1.5 m.

Abstract evaluation:

The abstracts will be evaluated by the Congress Scientific Committee according to the timetable below:

1. Submission deadline for abstracts: **before the end of July** (to dsmith@vikan.com).
2. Notification by the Scientific Committee of abstract approval or amendment will be given by **17 September 2018**. Applicants will be either informed of approval to participate or instructed on how to amend the text to enable poster presentation at the Congress.
3. Amended abstracts need to be resubmitted by Friday **15 October**.
4. Participants presenting posters must commit to attending the Congress (at London, ExCel, from 21 to 22 November 2018) and present their poster in the poster sessions. Note! In case the poster applicant(s) cannot attend the Congress and he/she has no other representative presenting the poster at the Congress, the applicant must, **before the end of October, withdraw the abstract** by e-mailing the Scientific Committee (dsmith@vikan.com).
5. The accepted posters will be listed on the Congress website.
6. Authors of high-level posters will be invited by the Scientific Committee after the Congress to publish articles based on the poster content e.g. in the next edition of the EHEDG Yearbook, or in conjunction with an EHEDG article series.

All presenters must register as full paying delegates unless payment of their registration fee has been agreed following prior request to and approval by EHEDG International.

Poster Awards:

All Posters exhibited at the EHEDG World Congress 2018 will be considered for an Award. The Scientific Committee will score each poster on content and presentation, and the individual / organisation achieving the highest score will be invited, compliments of EHEDG, to the Congress Dinner, at which they will be awarded.