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We bring you regular updates, features and alerts on upcoming deadlines from the International Society for Biosafety Research (ISBR) on its 15th Symposium “Horizons in Biotechnology: Risk Analysis for a Sustainable Future”. Running from 1 to 4 April 2019 in Tarragona, Spain, ISBR2019 will convene academics, technology developers, industry, regulatory authorities, non-government organisations and other stakeholders to share and advance understanding of contemporary applications of biotechnology to today’s agriculture and food production challenges.



SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM NEWS

We are pleased to announce that Jack Bobo, Vice President for Global Policy and Government Affairs of Intrexon Corporation, will be the Keynote Speaker for ISBR2019’s opening session, “Communications and engagement with policy and public audiences”. The title of his talk will be “Can agriculture save the planet before it destroys it?” More information about Jack Bobo and our other Keynote Speakers can be found [here](#).



HIGHLIGHTED EVENT

“Real-world Biosafety Communication and Engagement” is the topic of one of the 6 workshops available to ISBR2019 participants on Tuesday, April 2. Jill Kuehnert, Seed Stories, and Hennie Groenewald, Biosafety South Africa are the organizers of this hands-on session.

Concerted but context-specific efforts are required to communicate and engage with society on biosafety topics and develop environments that are more conducive to sustainable biotech innovation. This workshop will review real-world biosafety communication and engagement experiences for R&D projects; policy-making and the development of regulations; business development, trade and marketing; and general awareness/grassroots advocacy campaigns... [more](#)

SATELLITE EVENTS

An interesting mix of satellite events are being independently organized before and after the ISBR2019 Symposium, including

- SUNDAY MARCH 31, 09:00h - 17:00h: “Genetic Biocontrol for Invasive Species” organized by ILSI Research Foundation
- THURSDAY APRIL 04, 14:00h - 19:00h: “Models for Streamlining Data Requirements for Global Harmonization” organized by CropLife International
- THURSDAY APRIL 04, 14:00h-17:30h: “Workshop for government regulatory scientists working on GMOs”

For more information and to contact the organizers, please visit <https://isbr2019.com/index.php/registration/satellite-events>

POSTER PRIZES

More than 50 posters have been accepted for presentation at our ISBR2019 Symposium in Spain. All are eligible for the Poster Competition with prizes generously sponsored by the Institute for International Crop Improvement at the **Donald Danforth Plant Science Center**, including a First Prize trip to attend DDPSC's Fall Science Symposium in St. Louis from Sept. 26-27, 2019. See all poster titles and find out more [here...](#)

TRAVEL INFO

Please note that transfer information from Barcelona's airport to Tarragona city center is available on the website. The easiest way is to travel by bus. The bus timetable information can be found [here](#). If you plan to arrive on the 31st of March, ISBR have arranged extra buses during the day. Tickets are best purchased on the bus...[more](#)

Alternatively, trains are also available from the airport to Barcelona Sants Station, where you must change to a train to Tarragona. Trains are very frequent. [Check here](#) times and rates.



PHOTO COMPETITION

The photo competition is now closed, our judges are busy deciding the winners. If you want to see the entries, please visit <https://www.flickr.com/groups/4536248@N21/>. A selection of the top pictures will be on display at the Symposium venue.

FINAL PROGRAM

A printed program will be available in the welcome pack, but a downloadable version is also available on the web. [Click here](#) to download it.

SYMPOSIUM MOBILE APP & SOCIAL MEDIA

The official 15th ISBR Symposium Mobile App can be installed by visiting <https://app.isbr2019.com> : a pop-up will come up with instructions about how to download it in your device.

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