

### THANKS FOR SUBSCRIBING TO THE #ISBR2019 NEWSLETTER!

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

The ISBR2019 Symposium Program features **\*FOUR**\* sets of **Parallel Sessions** in order to give each attendee multiple opportunities to go deeper into the topics you are most interested in, as well as Open Sessions to follow-up on late-breaking subjects.

#### Parallel Sessions offered on Monday, April 1 include:

- · Scientific Assessment of the Food and Feed Safety of Genetically Engineered Crops
- New Breeding Technologies: Regulatory Hurdles for Existing Framework
- Science-based Allergenicity Risk Assessment for Food Derived from Genetically Engineered Crops
- Familiarity in the Context of Risk Assessment of Transgenic Crops in the Americas
- Regulation and Sustainability: Enabling an Innovative and Sustainable Bio-economy through a Harmonized Global Biosafety Framework for Industrial

#### Parallel Sessions planned for Wednesday, April 3 include:

- Targeted Crop Improvement: Genome Editing in the Plant Breeder's Tool Box
- Risk Assessment and Management of Gene Drive Research
- Fall Armyworm IPM in Africa and Asia The Challenge Of Creating An Enabling Environment for Knowledge, Policy And Tools
- Developing Innovative Genetic Technologies for Malaria Control: Risk Assessment and Stakeholder Engagement for Field Testing
- Opportunities and Challenges in Public Sector Biotechnology Crop Improvement
- Biosafety Considerations for the Use of Genetic Variation in Plant Breeding

More details on all Parallel Sessions can be found here.

#### **HIGHLIGHTED EVENT**

"Crop Composition as a Component of Food and Feed Safety Assessment and Hands on with the ILSI Crop Composition Database" is the topic of one of the 6 workshops available to ISBR2019 participants on Tuesday, April 2. Andrew Roberts and Bhavneet Bajaj of ILSI Research Foundation, USA are the organizers of this hands-on session.

Crop composition is an essential component of the food safety assessment for GE crops that are intended to be used as food. However, it is important to understand the purpose of the data and its context in the safety assessment. This workshop will provide an opportunity to briefly discuss the rationale for considering crop composition data, how that data is interpreted in the context of the safety assessment and what the limitations are to compositional studies. ... more

### **PHOTO CONTEST**





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We are looking for images that reflect the theme of our conference for our photo

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contest.

# **TRAVEL INFO**

For those delegates planning to visit Catalunya for a longer period, whether its pre- or post-conference, there are a range of tour options available in Barcelona for varying destinations, duration, and at dates that suit your travel plans..... more



### **UPCOMING DEADLINES**

March 12 - Advance registration closes March 15 - Photo contest closes

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