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General Information about Zaragoza

Welcome to Zaragoza! Zaragoza is the capital city of Aragón, which is one of the 17 Autonomous Regions of Spain. The city is situated in the North-East of Spain Behind are the explosions of the last fireworks of Expo 2008 and now a new door opens to the future and to progress in our city. New infrastructures to hold large events, excellent communications and new quality services endorse us.

Communications. Zaragoza enjoys a privileged situation in the middle Ebro valley, a natural crossroads (equal distance from Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia and Bilbao). Zaragoza has an international airport, 9 kilometers from the city, a complete network of motorways and roads and a railway network, reinforced with the High-Speed line that connects the city to Madrid and Barcelona in just over one hour.

Culture. The city of Caesar Augusta (Zaragoza) was founded in the 1st century B.C. by the Roman Caesar Augusto in the cross of three rivers (Ebro, Huerva and Gallego). Romans, Moslems, Jews and Christians have all left their marks by way of a living heritage and they have shaped the singular personality of this town. Symphonic music, plays, films, folklore, dancing, concerts... A complete and varied cultural offer.

Social life. Zaragoza offers visitors a warm and welcoming atmosphere. It is a town that lives in the streets. Squares and avenues fill up with people talking, walking, shopping... Open and vital, the people of Zaragoza receive visitors with hospitality.

Gastronomy. The Aragonese cuisine incorporates a wide repertoire of excellent products, combining tradition and innovation. If you want something more informal, going out for "tapas" is the perfect alternative.

The climate in Zaragoza is very continental and ranges from 0°C in Winter to 35°C in Summer (yearly average between 14 and 15° C). In June the average temperature is approximately 21.3°C (min. 14.8° C and max. 27.7° C).



4th Shelf Life International Meeting & Workshop on "Food Safety and Compliance"

June 23-25, 2010

Centro Politécnico Superior de Ingenieros
University of Zaragoza (Spain)



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Organisation and symposium secretary

The Italian Scientific Group of Food Packaging (GSICA) in cooperation with The Aragón Institute of Engineering Research (I3A) of the University of Zaragoza will organize the SLIM 2010.

Tentative Scientific Program

The **4th Shelf Life International Meeting** will be held from **23-25 June 2010** in **Zaragoza (Spain)**. The objective of SLIM 2010 is to provide an international forum for presenting fundamental aspects of current development and future directions for research and application on the shelf life of packaged foodstuff. Prediction, testing and extension of the Shelf Life require a multi-disciplinary approach, which involves analytical chemistry, microbiology, food processing, food packaging, material science as well as physical chemistry. The conference structure, the diversity of the attendees and the careful selection of the presentations from industries and academic institutions are expected to contribute significantly to identify problems and to promote scientific discussions and further collaborative research cooperation.

All topics will be introduced in plenary lectures and invited research lectures followed by brief research presentation and posters.

The official language of the meeting will be English, no simultaneous translation.

Website:

<http://slim2010.unizar.es>

Topics

The conference will be structured on three sessions whose topics are:

Shelf Life Modelling and Prediction

Shelf Life and quality decay of food and beverages
Protective properties of packaging materials
Kinetics of food quality degradation
Sensorial indexes decay
Predictive microbiology

New Technologies for Shelf Life Extension

New materials
Active and intelligent packaging
New food processing technologies
New food preservatives
New techniques for risk reduction

Shelf Life Testing

Non-invasive analytical techniques
Sensorial techniques
New freshness indicators and quality indexes
Performance of packaging materials
Risk management

Tentative Speakers for Main Lectures:

Alessandro del Nobile	Univ. of Foggia (IT)
Joe Hotchkiss	Cornell University (US)
Nilda Soares	Univ. Federal of Viçosa (BR)
José Aguilera	Univ. of Santiago (CL)
Perfecto Paseiro	Univ. of Santiago de Compostela (ES)

Workshop

On June 23rd, during the morning, a workshop on **"Food Safety and Compliance"** will be held, including three main lectures and a round table discussion.

Tentative Speakers:

Konrad Grob	Official Food Control Authority of Canton of Zurich (CH)
Mauricio Bonuomo	Barilla Group (IT)
Carlos de la Cruz	Société des Produits Nestlé S.A. (CH)

Call for papers

The call for contributed oral and poster presentation is open.

Abstract submission deadline: January 29th 2010

Abstract acceptance notification: April 15th 2010

Authors are invited to send the extended abstracts (500 words) not later than January 29th 2010, pointing out the preference for poster or oral presentation.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee: contribute papers for oral and poster presentation will be chosen on the basis of scientific interest and homogeneity with conference topics.

Abstract acceptance will be given by e-mail within 15th April 2010.

The abstracts will be collected as a book and distributed to all registered participants at the beginning of the conference.

Abstract format:

1. Indication of the chosen session
2. Title (in capital letters).
3. Author(s), the name of the presenting Author must be underlined.
4. Affiliation/Institution
5. Text (500 words in English language, should not include any chart, graphics, images).
6. Character: Times New Roman 12 points, single line space, Max 5 Key-words.
7. Acknowledgements (for funding agencies).

The abstracts must be sent by e-mail as an attachment in *.doc or *.pdf to slim2010@unizar.es.

Please name the paper file as: First-Author-Surname.doc (or .pdf)