



**International Committee
on Food Microbiology
and Hygiene**

ICFMH DEVELOPING SCIENTIST AWARD COMPETITION

The International Committee on Food Microbiology and Hygiene (ICFMH) will sponsor a Developing Scientist Competition at the **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025**, Aracaju, SE, Brazil, between October 25th to 28th, 2025.

The International Committee on Food Microbiology and Hygiene was founded in 1953 and belongs to International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS). The major scope of ICFMH is to contribute to food safety and controlling food spoilage internationally, by means of organizing conferences (e.g. **FOODMICRO**), symposia and workshops, supporting of international bodies in food microbiology issues, publications (e.g. the **International Journal of Food Microbiology**), and initiation of education and training in food microbiology. More information at <https://icfmh.org>

Purpose of the ICFMH DEVELOPING SCIENTIST AWARD COMPETITION

1. To encourage students and recent graduates to present their original research in the field of **Food Microbiology**, specifically on **Food Safety**.
2. To foster professionalism in students and recent graduates through contact with peers who attend the 1st FoodMicro Latino 2025.

General Information

1. The competition comprises framed certificates and awards of 250, 150, and 100 euros for the first, second and third best abstracts, respectively, submitted to **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025** and presented during the conference.
2. The **ICFMH DEVELOPING SCIENTIST AWARD COMPETITION** is open to undergraduate, MSc and PhD students and post-doctors holding a fellowship (up to 5 years of degree), that submit abstracts to **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025** as the **first author** and **present** then during the conference. Abstracts must be in **English** and represent original research work, not published in a scientific journal yet.

3. The scientific committee of **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025** and one member of ICFMH will indicate the **ICFMH Judging Panel**. This panel will select the 5 finalist abstracts, based on the following judging criteria:
 - a. Clarity, comprehensiveness, adequacy of experimental design and conciseness
 - b. Validity of conclusions and contribution to science
4. The **presenter** of the 5 finalist abstracts will be notified by email to prepare the poster in English and advised to present the poster in English during the schedule established by the organization committee of **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025**. The members of the **ICFMH Judging Panel** will judge the poster and the presentation during the conference, based on the presentation schedule.
5. The presentations will be judged for the scientific quality of the research (introduction, objectives, methods, results, conclusions and contribution to science), overall quality of the presentation and capability to answer the questions formulated by **ICFMH Judging Panel**.
6. To be eligible for the awards, the **presenter** of the finalist abstracts must be registered in the **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025**.
7. Only the 5 abstracts selected by the ICFMH Judging Panel are eligible for the **ICFMH DEVELOPING SCIENTIST AWARD COMPETITION**. The acceptance of an abstract for presentation in the **1st FoodMicro Latino 2025** does not assure eligibility for the ICFMH awards.
8. The **ICFMH DEVELOPING SCIENTIST AWARD COMPETITION** winners will be announced by an ICFMH representative in the closing session of the **33rd Brazilian Congress of Microbiology / 1st FoodMicro Latino 2025** (October 28^h, 2025).
9. The winners will be contacted by the chairperson of the **ICFMH Judging Panel** for practical arrangements regarding sending of certificates and cash prizes.