



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR BIOSAFETY RESEARCH
TARRAGONA 2019
1st / 4th APRIL

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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:

The four plenary sessions for ISBR 2019 are now set! Keynote speakers on each topic will be announced as they are confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT WITH POLICY AND PUBLIC AUDIENCES

This session will focus on the science of science communication within a biotech context, to paint a clear picture of the principles and best practice for establishing effective biosafety communication and engagement programs.... [more](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT AND REGULATION OF GENE EDITED PRODUCTS

The session will address how genome editing helps to derive desired traits, whether existing regulations are fit-for purpose to deal with such products and how problem formulation can support the risk assessment.... [more](#)

FOOD SAFETY ASSESSMENT OF NOVEL MOLECULES

This session will explore considerations for the safety assessment of exogenous and endogenous novel molecules resulting from these kinds of technologies, with a particular focus on future applications.... [more](#)

CHALLENGES IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF NOVEL BIOTECHNOLOGIES

This session will look at broad themes around the challenges of bringing new technologies forward through registration to use in both the public and private sectors and across a wide range of genetically modified organisms.... [more](#)

Highlighted event:

On **Tuesday, April 2**, participants at ISBR 2019 will have the opportunity to choose among **6 different workshops**.

Allison Snow, Ohio State University, USA and Tim Harvey-Samuel, Pirbright Institute, United Kingdom are organizers of one of them: "*Gene Editing and Gene Drives for Managing Unwanted Vertebrates – Current Status and Biosafety Considerations.*"

Gene editing and gene drives have the potential to alter or suppress populations of unwanted vertebrates such as mice, carp, and feral cats. For example, gene editing has been proposed for blocking Lyme disease in white-footed mice, while gene drives have been proposed for eliminating invasive house mice, rats, and feral cats that threaten endangered species on islands. However, the time frame and feasibility of developing such applications is not clear. The goal of this workshop is to provide updates on scientific progress related to the first applications of these techniques in wild vertebrates. Presentations by six invited speakers will be followed by a panel discussion, with time allocated for questions from the audience. For each study species, speakers will review long-term project goals and preliminary research findings relevant to feasibility and biosafety considerations... [more](#)

Student scholarships

Through our sponsorship program we can now offer a limited number of student scholarships. If you are student and want to be considered, please find further information [here](#)

Photo contest

Are you a keen photographer? We are looking for images that reflect the theme of our conference for our photo contest. Find more information at <https://www.isbr2019.com/index.php/photo-contest>

Sponsorship

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. To see our sponsorship prospectus contact isbr2019@pacifico-meetings.com

Travel Info:

Tarragona, Spain is located on the Mediterranean, in the heart of the Costa Daurada. It is Catalonia's southernmost capital city, less than 100 kilometres away from Barcelona. Bathed by the Mediterranean, Tarragona boasts stunning beaches and mild climate all year round. From 27 to 25 BC, Tarragona was home to Emperor Augustus, and the city has inherited much from its past. The declaration of Tarragona as World Heritage City by UNESCO is proof of this legacy. [more](#)

Upcoming deadlines:

January 31, 2019 – Call for Abstracts closes
February 5, 2019 - Deadline for early bird registration. All categories of registration go up €100 after this!
February 28, 2019 - Photo contest closes

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