Call for papers

The 50th International Conference of the
International Commission on the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (ICAF).

The 4th International Meeting of the UNESCO Chair on Food, Culture and Development at the UOC.

CONGRESS OF GASTRONOMY, SUSTAINABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT.
Cross-disciplinary perspectives

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Organized by:
University of Extremadura (Spain)
The International Commission on the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (ICAF)
UNESCO Chair on Food, Culture and Development, UOC

The Conference Theme

Sustainability is an important dimension as far as Gastronomy is concerned. Gastronomy actors (producers, chefs, restaurants, public sector, but also customers, NGOs and other actors from the civil society) play a key role in spreading the message across the system - to the whole food value chain - about the need of developing a truly sustainability awareness, well-informed actions and the involvement in progressive changes that bring us all to have a sustainable gastronomy and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The topic is a prominent issue in the agendas of governments and other agencies.

This conference will examine issues surrounding the role of sustainability in food and, particularly, in gastronomy (Not only as a concept, but also as an important economic sector) from a multidisciplinary perspective, bringing social scientist (mainly anthropologists, but not only) of different sub-disciplines together with scholars from other relevant disciplines in the pursuit of a holistic and deep review of the topic.

The focus will be on the human sustainability and the role of gastronomy in our societies. Gastronomy must be analyzed from a wide perspective: from food production and distribution, to the different ways of consumption and management of the food waste, including restaurants, commerce, local and global actors, from a public to a private perspective, that is to say, we are focusing on gastronomy as a complex system in the worldwide context of profound and accelerating changes that we are experiencing nowadays.
The objective is to communicate and discuss findings from social and cultural research on the topic, conducted at local, regional and global levels, from micro-scale ethnographic studies to theoretical approaches to macro-level phenomena and trends, in conjunction with experts from different disciplines. It is hoped that this multidisciplinary framework will generate a dialogue between all participants, further academic understanding of the issues and have relevance for applied and policy-orientated practitioners working in this area.

Details about the Conference

- The Conference will be held in Cáceres (Extremadura, Spain), in the premises of the University of Extremadura.

- Accommodation is at the participant’s expense, but we shall provide information about local hotels and accommodation.

- The official languages of the whole conference will be Spanish, English and Portuguese. The ICAF conference session will be only in English.

- The conference includes sessions of oral communications, poster session, audiovisuals, books presentations and visits to local food projects in Cáceres.

Submission information

- Use the form at https://forms.gle/Aj2NUrTZNAhL2azg7 to submit your proposal. Please, be aware that proposals sent by e-mail will not be considered.

- All proposals must have the following information: name of the proponent(s), their institutional affiliation and e-mail address; title; short abstract (max 50 words); long abstract (min 175, max 250 words).

- Proposals can be submitted in Portuguese (PT), Spanish (ES) or English (EN).

To submit a paper proposal to the congress, proponents should first consult the list of panels in order to identify the most appropriate panel for the paper they are proposing.

The panels are:

1. Sustainable policies in gastronomy.
2. The role of geographical and traditional food indications for regional and local sustainable development.
3. Foodscapes and productive cultural landscapes.
4. Tourism and gastronomy. Wine tourism, oleo-tourism, fish tourism. Food and wine routes and itineraries.
5. Education for a sustainable gastronomy, Food museums, etc.
6. Sustainable gastronomy in restaurants, hotel, guest and rural houses, etc: strategies and alliances.
7. Identity and heritage food products and traditional cuisine from a sustainable perspective.
8. New food sustainable icons: tendencies for a sustainable world. Slow tendencies: slow food, slow tourism, etc.
9. Public-private partnerships for gastronomy to promote sustainability. Role of institutions, associations, foundations or gastronomy academies to promote and to consolidate sustainability and quality. Specialized agencies.
10. The impact of guides and reviews rankings for sustainable food development: Michelin, Restaurant, Tripadvisor...
11. Media and social media for the promotion of food sustainability.
12. Food and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
13. Sustainable food and big cities.

**Important dates**

Deadline for submission of proposals – **1 MAY 2020**.

Estimated date for notification of acceptance of proposals – **1 JUNE 2020**.

Deadline early bird registration: **reduced payment (25 euros-ICAF members free)** and submission of documentation for proposals to be included in the program of the Congress – **15 JUNE 2020**.

Deadline for registration, **full payment (35 euros-ICAF members free)** and submission of documentation for the proposals – **23 SEPTEMBER 2020**.

**Contact Information**

Updates about the conference will be posted at the [CONGRESS OF GASTRONOMY, SUSTAINABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT](#) Conference website. For additional information, please contact the conference organizers (F.X Medina; L. Mariano; D. Conde) at gastro_sustain_congress@unex.es

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*We look forward to welcoming you to Cáceres in september!*