

CONFERENCE DEADLINE

1. 6. 2011 - Deadline for abstract submission

1. 7. 2011 - Deadline for announcement of accepted abstracts

CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS**Abstract**

Abstracts are restricted to 250 words and should contain the objective of the study, the methods used, the results obtained, concise conclusions or recommendations. Subheadings, tables or graphs and references should not be presented in the abstract. Please avoid long sentences and have the English grammar and spelling checked before submitting your abstract. All abstracts will be published in the Conference Book.

The deadline for the submission of the abstract is June 1, 2011. The acceptance of the abstracts will be notified to the contact author no later than July 1, 2011.

Poster

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Conference

“Advances in Monitoring and Control of Viruses
in Food Supply Chains”

September 5 - 7, 2011

Venue

University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty,
Ljubljana, Slovenia

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The Consortium of the European 7th Framework Programme project VITAL (www.eurovital.org) is honoured to invite you to the Conference "Advances in Monitoring and Control of Viruses in Food Supply Chains" that will be held at University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty, Jamnikarjeva 101 in Ljubljana, Slovenia from September 5-7, 2011. The Conference is organised by VITAL Consortium, but it is open to international participation. The Conference is designed to focus on foodborne viruses.

A major issue regarding foodborne viruses is the lack of effective risk management strategies and prevention and intervention measures against food and environmental contamination. The current epidemiological surveillance systems can only react to and provide information on disease outbreaks that occur through contamination of food. Such reactive surveillance alone cannot lead to any reduction in disease incidence. Decreasing the incidence and spread of foodborne viral diseases should involve prevention of food contamination in the production phase, throughout processing, during trade and distribution, and in the preparation phase, both in professional settings and in the home. In our project, we will focus on the production and processing phase, moving away from the concept of endpoint monitoring alone towards integrated monitoring and control.

The Conference will comprise a one-day scientific symposium, two training courses, and a workshop. The symposium will present and discuss the outcomes of the VITAL project, and poster presentations on any aspect of foodborne viruses are invited from interested parties. The training courses, on monitoring and control of viruses in foods, will provide essential information for analysts, food safety managers, and other professionals. The workshop will discuss how the outcomes of VITAL can be integrated into food safety practices, forthcoming guidelines, and possible future regulations. The course will be also of interest to students and researchers in food and environmental virology. We cordially invite you to contribute to the success of this Conference with your participation. On behalf of the VITAL Consortium we welcome you in Ljubljana.



The Conference will be held at the Biotechnical Faculty in Ljubljana. Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, is a central European city lying between the Alps and the Adriatic Sea. Ljubljana is a beautiful small city situated on the river Ljubljanica that flows between the city centre and the castle hill above. It is a city with a soul, featured by the Baroque Old Town which is nestled at the foot of Castle Hill, the Art Nouveau mansions as well as some of the masterpieces of the world-renowned architect Jože Plečnik.

The Conference will be organized according to the classical scheme, with symposium, focused workshop, training courses and poster presentations that will cover all the main topics and will give you the opportunity to be updated in the field of foodborne viruses.

The programme of the coming event promises to be very interesting for all stakeholders in the field of foodborne viruses. It covers mainstream topics like:

- prevalence of viruses in European food supply chains,
- risk analysis,
- methods for virus detection,
- physical and procedural control of virus contamination,
- developing guidelines on prevention of contamination and
- the need for regulatory control.

Conference fee	Early registration (until 1/5/2011)	Registration (2/5/2011 to 1/7/2011)	Late Registration (after 1/7/2011)
Full conference (Symposium, one training course, and Workshop)	250 € (students 125 €)	300 € (students 150 €)	350 € (students 175 €)
Attendance for two days (i.e. Symposium and one training course, or Workshop and one training course)	200 € (students 100 €)	250 € (students 125 €)	300 € (students 150 €)
Attendance for one day (i.e. only Symposium, only one training course, or only Workshop)	100 € (students 50 €)	150 € (students 75 €)	200 € (students 100 €)

Day 1

Symposium "Monitoring and Control of Foodborne Viruses in European Food Supply Chains"

08:30 - 10:15 1st session: Methods for virus detection
10:15 - 10:45 Break
10:45 - 12:30 2nd session: Prevalence of viruses in European Food Supply Chains: the results of VITAL's data-gathering program
12:30 - 13:45 Lunch
13:45 - 15:30 3rd session: The VITAL Risk Analysis
15:30 - 16:00 Break
16:00 - 17:30 4th session: Control of Viruses in Food Supply Chains
Where: room D1 UL-BF

Day 2

Training course 1: "Monitoring of Viruses in Food Supply Chains"
Training course 2: "How to Control Viruses in the Food Supply Chain Based on HACCP Principles"

Training Course 1:

This course will be organized for training analysts who were not part of VITAL, in the principles of integrated monitoring and risk analysis which VITAL will formulate. Participants will be trained how to implement monitoring if and when it is necessary, and also in the way they can transfer this knowledge to colleagues in their countries. This course can therefore be seen as a "training the trainers" course, and will play an important role in disseminating VITAL's outcomes.

08:30 - 10:15 Training course: morning sessions - first part
10:15 - 10:45 Break
10:45 - 12:30 Training course: morning sessions - second part
12:30 - 13:45 Lunch
13:45 - 15:30 Training course: afternoon sessions - first part
15:30 - 16:00 Break
16:00 - 17:30 Training course: afternoon sessions - second part
Where: room D1 UL-BF

Training Course 2:

This course will focus on the integrated management systems which VITAL will recommend to the food industry. The course will be targeted towards risk managers, and provide information about virus hazards, and appropriate HACCP. The course will also be of interest to persons studying risk management and / or food safety.

08:30 - 10:15 Training course morning sessions - first part
10:15 - 10:45 Break
10:45 - 12:30 Training course morning sessions - second part
12:30 - 13:45 Lunch
13:45 - 15:30 Training course afternoon sessions - first part
15:30 - 16:00 Break
16:00 - 17:30 Training course afternoon sessions - second part
Where: room Z1 UL-BF

17:30 - 18:00 Presentation of the VITAL Women in Science prize

Where: room D1 UL-BF

19:00 - ... Dinner

Day 3:

Workshop "Taking Forward New Developments in Monitoring and Control of Viruses in Food Supply Chains"

The aim of the workshop is to bring closer the scientists (virologists) and officials as well as industries in order to discuss the outcomes of the project and the role of viruses in food quality and public health. A specific section within the workshop will be devoted to regulatory issues.

09:00 - 10:00 Registration
10:00 - 11:45 Workshop morning session
11:45 - 12:45 Lunch
13:45 - 14:45 Workshop afternoon session - first part
14:45 - 15:15 Break
15:15 - 16:00 Workshop afternoon session - second part
16:00 - ... Closing the Workshop
Where: room D1 UL-BF