



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
AQIA Symposium
Food Safety and Quality Training: Challenges and Novel Approaches
To Mobilize and Optimize Skills
September 18-19, 2019
Université Laval, Quebec

The Quebec Association for Food Protection (AQIA) Symposium, will take place at Université Laval, in Quebec, on September 19-20, 2018 on “Food Safety and Quality Training: Challenges and Novel Approaches to Mobilize and Optimize Skills”.

The AQIA annual scientific Symposium aims to:

- Create a meeting and dialogue forum for students, research scientists and food safety professionals;
- Share multidisciplinary knowledge;
- Offer the opportunity to create a network inside the scientific community working in the food safety sector.

Posters and oral presentations should contain original cutting-edge ideas in food safety, food protection, allergens, analytical and detection methods, microbiology, foodborne infectious diseases, smart packaging or other topics of interest for the sector.

If you are interested by this opportunity, you must send **an abstract by Monday September 9, 2019**. Specifications for abstracts and posters may be found on page 2.

Competitions

300-second oral presentation

A competition of a **300-second oral presentations of research projects** is open to undergraduate and graduate students. Two grants of \$1,000 and \$750 are awarded for the best presentations. To apply, please contact Andrée Lagacé as soon as possible to express your intention to participate and **send in your abstract by Monday, September 9, 2019**. (Details at page 3)

Poster competition

Another way to stand out and win prizes is the poster competition, open to undergraduate and graduate students. Grants of \$750, \$500 and \$300 are awarded for the best posters. If you wish to participate, you must send to Andrée Lagacé (andree.lagace@fsaa.ulaval.ca) a **PDF copy of your poster by Monday, September 9, 2019**. (Details at page 3)



ABSTRACT

Instructions

- ◆ Abstracts must not be more than **300 words** excluding title, authors and affiliations
- ◆ Prepared in a WORD file ; Font Calibri, size 11 pt;
- ◆ Title, author, and affiliation formatting:
 - Title in bold
 - Authors' full names (no initials);
 - Affiliation of authors listed (without departments and postal addresses);
 - Presenting author must be identified by an asterisk (*);
- ◆ No diagrams nor tables accepted;
- ◆ Everything to hold in one page
- ◆ **Save file as presenting author's last name.** Example for John Smith: Smith.doc.

To participate in the poster session and contest, send abstract in a Word file to Andrée Lagacé (andree.lagace@fsaa.ulaval.ca) by **Monday, September 9, 2019**.

POSTER

Instructions

- ◆ Poster dimensions: 90 cm (3 feet) x 120 cm (4 feet)
- ◆ Landscape or portrait orientation.
- ◆ Language (French or English) at the choice of the author.
- ◆ **Save file as presenting author's last name.** Example for John Smith: Smith.doc.

Panels for posters will be provided in the Atrium of the Université Laval Alphonse-Desjardins pavilion. Poster installation may begin at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 18.

Poster sessions will take place on Wednesday, September 18, during the cocktail and Thursday, September 19 during breaks and lunch. Authors must be present at every poster session in order to provide explanations to the participants and/or evaluators. Poster tear-down will begin following the afternoon break (3:45 pm) on Thursday, September 19.

To participate in the poster contest, you must send a PDF file or your poster to Andrée Lagacé (andree.lagace@fsaa.ulaval.ca) by Monday September 9, 2019

POSTER AND ORAL PRESENTATION CONTESTS

Undergraduate and graduate students may participate to one or both contests.

300-second oral presentation contest: Participants must prepare a PowerPoint presentation (number of slides as wished). Presentations are on the Symposium program, on September 19, at 10:15 am and 3:00 pm. At least three judges will assess the presentation according with the performance, visual aid, organization of information (40 points) and scientific content (60 points). Prizes of \$1000 and \$750 are awarded to the two best oral presentations.

Poster contest: Each poster is reviewed d by three scientists from industry and institutions. The first step, performed with the PDF file, is the review of the poster’s appearance and content with the assessment criteria found below (60 points). The second step, performed on site, consists in reviewing the oral presentation (40 points). The best posters will be awarded three prizes (\$750, \$500 and \$300).

Assessment criteria for poster contest are as follows:

Poster’s Appearance	(20 points)	Points
• Attractive and easy to read		6
• Popularized & well-organized information		7
• Neatness and proper use of graphs and figures		7
Poster’s Content	(40 points)	
• Clear introduction and context rationale		5
• Hypothesis and objectives clearly stated		5
• Relevant methods / experimental approaches		5
• Logical presentation of results		5
• Proper analysis of results		10
• Conclusions well supported by results		10
Oral Presentation	(40 points)	
• Clear and concise presentation		5
• Clear and concise explanation of work and experiments		5
• Adequate answers to questions		10
• General understanding of the project and of its scope		10
• Benefits for the sector		5
• Project outcomes and further perspectives		5
	Total	100