

REOPENED CALL FOR PAPERS Submit additional abstracts for the world's premier processing tomato symposium

Following the international outbreak of coronavirus COVID-19, the 16th ISHS Symposium on the Processing Tomato initially planned on 15-18 March 2020 in San Juan City, Argentina has been rescheduled as an hybrid event on 20-24 March 2022, with some sessions held online earlier in March. All the papers accepted for oral or poster presentation in 2020 will automatically be included in the new program, but the call for papers is now being reopened in case researchers who were not able to attend can present their research or already registered speakers want to present new data.

The Symposium is a unique forum that focuses on addressing key scientific questions and issues related to the entire industry, from field (production for industrial purposes, applied ecophysiology, agronomy, biotic and abiotic stress resistance, genetics applied to industrial food system) to fork (organoleptic and nutritional food quality, smart quality control processes, healthy food, high quality cultivars)

The Symposium will be held in parallel with the **14**th **World Processing Tomato Congress**, bringing together academics, researchers and students with growers, processors and business professionals working in the processing tomato industry. This unique setup within the ISHS symposia has been a major success story ever since the first world processing tomato congress in Avignon (France) in 1989 and the creation of WPTC in 1998 at Pamplona (Spain).

It is jointly organized by the Government of San Juan Province, the Tomato 2000 Association and the National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA) in Argentina together with the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) and the World Processing Tomato Council (WPTC).

This influential Symposium is a unique platform within ISHS symposia, allowing researchers and people working in the industry to meet, discuss and find solutions together

The symposium program will include a full schedule of hybrid in-person & online oral and poster sessions, from Monday 21 to Wednesday 23 March 2022, with some sessions held fully online earlier in March 2022. A comprehensive excursion program will also be organized for attendees and accompanying persons as well as an optional post-congress study tour of the production area of the Province of San Juan, on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 March.

The dedicated event website <u>www.worldtomatocongress.com</u> will be regularly updated with information on the program for both events, including registration, hotel bookings and practical information.

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Symposium topics

Your abstract should address one or more of the following areas:

Section 1: Adaptability and resilience in crop production

- 1. Managing climate change
- 2. Automation & precision farming
- 3. Pest & Crop management
- 4. Organic cropping
- 5. Biotechnologies and plant breeding

Section 2: The smart tomato factory: new trends and added value products

- Efficient use of resources
- 2. Fast and reliable quality assessment (up- and downstream industry)
- 3. Adding value to by-products
- 4. New processing technologies

Section 3: Healthy and tasty products for demanding consumers

- 1. Health and nutrition labelling
- 2. New functional foods
- 3. Attracting new consumers

Abstract Submission Procedure

Abstracts must be submitted online before Wednesday 15 December 2021 at: https://www.actahort.org/members/symposiar?nr=545

Applicants must pay a charge when submitting their abstracts, which applies to the presenting author only. The submission charge is not part of the symposium registration fees and is charged by ISHS and not by the symposium organisers:

EU-based applicants: 95 euros (including VAT)

• Non-EU-based applicants: 80 euros

• ISHS individual members: free

If you are not an ISHS member and are unsure if your abstract fits with the symposium theme to be accepted, you can send it for pre-screening to the Symposium Secretariat at symposium@worldtomatocongress.com.

All abstracts must be in English and should contain title, authors, affiliation and contact details (postal address and e-mail), a short introduction, material and methods and key results (600 to 800 words). Graphics, tables, references and acknowledgments should not be included. Overtly commercial and insufficiently informative abstracts will not be accepted for the symposium.

Please indicate your preference for oral or poster presentations at the time of abstract submission. Final decisions on whether submissions are accepted as oral or poster presentations will be made by the Scientific Committee on the basis of the abstracts submitted.

Abstract will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and authors will be informed of their acceptance as a poster or an oral paper at the very latest by 31st January 2022.

All accepted abstracts will be published in the Abstract Book which will be distributed to all registered participants at the congress & symposium. Following the Symposium and after review by the Scientific Committee, full papers will be published in a special issue of *Acta Horticulturae*, a copy of which will be sent to the first author of each published paper.

<u>Please note</u>: When submitting your abstract, you are indicating your availability and willingness to attend and present your paper at 16th ISHS Symposium on Processing Tomato, to develop and write a full paper complying with ISHS Author Guidelines and to respect all deadlines.

Awards & Travel grants

Two ISHS Young Mind Awards for junior scientists will be given to the best oral presentation and the best poster.

Five travel grants have already been allocated following funding received from KAGOME and The Morning Star company but information on any new travel grants will be posted on www.worldtomatocongress.com.

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