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DISCUSSION TOPIC

The two aspects of food safety and food security are closely intertwined. Presentations and discussions will therefore focus on both aspects by presenting solutions based on improved processing and packaging technologies.

The conference will foster an integrated approach that can be summarized by the expression “Sustainable Food Technology” (SFT), which refers to requirements or conditions that make technological solutions best suited not only for the protection of foods, but also for easiness of handling, storage and transportation, convenience, nutritional benefit, fitness in relation to food habits and raw material availability.

In terms of environmental sustainability, the need to reduce the contamination of foods from biological, chemical and particulate contaminants should pair with the need to protect the environment from pollution deriving from the food processing systems.

THE MISSION

Create an action plan leading up to the Expo 2015. Ipack-Ima Spa, one of the world’s most important exhibition organizers in the field of processing, packaging and material handling technology, is involved in a project started in 2009 with the first International conference titled “More Technology, Safety and Quality, Less Hunger”.

PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The conference is going to explore the progresses and technological innovations for the processing and packaging of Cereals and Fruit & Vegetables. Food losses for fruits and vegetables are estimated to 50% in Sub-Saharan Africa and about 55% in North Africa and Middle East. Regarding cereals, losses are estimated up to 20% in Sub-Saharan Africa and 30% in North Africa and Middle East. (Source: FAO 2011). Intervention and progresses in this very complex and differentiated area may require technological means for handling both large and small quantities of food, from storage centers to family’s supplies.

On the other hand, great prospects are open in Africa to technological development in some Countries and areas which may play a critical role not only as systems for adding value to local produce but also as model of development in other areas.

In the third place, the discussions at the Ipack-Ima Conference and Fair will also concern exchanges in the education and training of technical people as well as on possibilities of establishing manufacturing facilities in Africa, especially in the area of packaging plants and materials.

THE PARTNERS

The Italian Ministry of Economic Development, the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, the UN agencies - FAO, UNIDO, WFP, IFAD - and the Scientific Committee.

THE SETTING

IPACK-IMA the international exhibition dedicated to processing, packaging and material handling, back on stage from May 19th to 23rd 2015 at Fiera Milano in conjunction with the Expo 2015. The motto will be “Feeding the Planet. Energy for life”.

THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- Claudio Peri - Chairman
- Ali Badarneh - Industrial Development Officer, Quality, Standards and Conformity Unit, UNIDO
- Johann Baumgaertner - Institute of Agricultural Entomology, University of Milan
- Afam I. O. Jideani - Professor and Head of the Department of Food Science and Technology, University of Venda - South Africa
- Luciano Piergiovanni - Professor of Food Packaging and Distribution, University of Milan
- Bertrand Salvignol - Senior Food Technologist, WFP - World Food Programme
- Karl Schebesta - Industrial Development Officer, Agri-Business Development Unit, UNIDO
- Claudia Sorlini - Professor of Agricultural Microbiology, University of Milan
- Bendantunguka P.M. Tiisekwa - Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Sokoine University of Agriculture - Tanzania
- Gelsomina Vigliotti - Senior Resource Mobilization Officer, IFAD
- Gavin Wall - Director of Rural Infrastructure and Agro-Industries Division, FAO

CLAUDIO PERI, CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The conference will assure a proactive interaction between the conference's debates and the Ipack-Ima exhibition and a practical problem/solution approach.

The scientific committee has decided that case studies and practical solutions should represent a key aspect of the conference. Therefore, after the introductory speeches concerning the food industry development policies and the technological trends, most of the Conference will be devoted to case study presentations in the areas of "cereal and grain-based foods" and "fruit and vegetables".

A final short session will be devoted to availability, sources and access to financial resources.

A suitable time is allowed for discussion and exchanges at the end of each technical session and at the Conference's conclusion.

AGENDA

1st March 2012

9:00 AM > Registration

9:30 AM > Welcome and Introduction

Paolo Barilla, Chairman, IPACK-IMA 2012

Richard Sezibera, Secretary General, East African Community

Roberto Formigoni, Commissioner General, EXPO Milano 2015 (invited)

9:50 AM > Keynote Presentations

Presentation 1: "The Food Safety and Food Security Policy of UNIDO in Africa"

Kandeh K. Yumkella, General Director, UNIDO

Presentation 2: "The contribution of Processing and Packaging Innovation to the Enhancement of Food Safety and Food Security in Africa" **Claudio Peri**, Chairman of the Scientific Committee

11:00 AM > **Session I: Processing and Packaging Innovation in Cereal Foods**

Chairman's Introduction

Afam I.O. Jideani, Professor and Head of the Department of Food Science and Technology, University of Venda, South Africa

• **Case Study 1:** Wheat Milling - Vincenzo Di Toma, Export Sales Manager, Casillo Group

• **Case Study 2:** Pasta - Riccardo Felicetti, CEO, Pastificio Felicetti

• **Case Study 3:** Bread and Bakery - Gianpietro Bordignon, Country Director Egypt, WFP

• **Case Study 4:** Rice - Mauro Ceci, Technology Development Manager, Riso Scotti

Question Time and Chairman's Conclusions

1:00 PM > Lunch

2:00 PM > **Session II: Processing and Packaging Innovation in Fruit & Vegetable**

Chairman's Introduction

Bendantunguka P.M. Tiisekwa, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Tanzania

• **Case Study 1:** Fresh Fruits & Vegetables - Claudio Magnani, Managing Director, Apofruit

• **Case Study 2:** Tomato Preserves - Antonio Casana, Director, Solana

• **Case Study 3:** Vegetable Preserves - Antonio Salvatore, Industrial & Purchasing Manager, Bonduelle Italia

• **Case Study 4:** Fruit Juices - Paolo Gerevini, Marketing Director, Conserve Italia

Question Time and Chairman's Conclusions

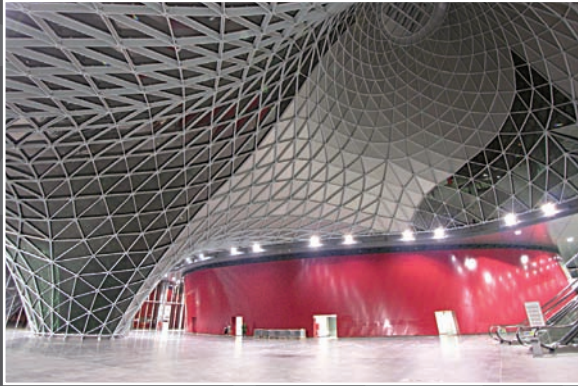
4:00 PM > **Session III: Financing and Funding**

• **Case Study 1:** Andrea Serpagli, Coordinator, Biofuels and Cassava Post-Harvest Regional Initiatives, West and Central Africa Division, IFAD

• **Case Study 2:** Luis Cuttica, Head of Milan Branch, SACE

4:45 PM > What's next ? - **Guido Corbella**, Ceo, Ipack-Ima S.p.A.

Simultaneous translation service is available.



Participation is free of charge - subject to availability - and includes the access to the IPACK-IMA exhibition for the day of the conference.

Please register as soon as possible to attend at www.ipackimaconference.com

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By underground: (redline 1, stop Rho Fiera) entrance from EAST GATE and follow indication for CONGRESS CENTRE.



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