

# ICFC 2025

International Conference on Food Contaminants  
Challenges in Emerging Contaminants and Planetary Health



## PROGRAMME

25-26 SEPTEMBER 2025

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## Welcome!

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are glad to invite you to participate in the **International Conference on Food Contaminants (ICFC 2025): 6<sup>th</sup> Edition on “Challenges on Emerging Contaminants and Planetary Health”** that will be held, in person, on the 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at the auditorium of the *Museu de Eletricidade Casa da Luz* ([www.museucasadaluz.pt](http://www.museucasadaluz.pt)) in Funchal, Madeira, Portugal.

This multidisciplinary conference provides a forum for both internationally established and young researchers to exchange advanced knowledge on Food Contaminants and Human Health.

The conference will include lectures given by world-renowned scholars, in addition to oral and poster presentations.

## Scientific Contributions

Participants from universities, research institutes, industries, academia, regulatory authorities, and government or private institutions working in the field of Food Safety and Health are invited to submit abstracts. Special encouragement is given to students and young scientists. Submissions may be for oral presentations or poster communications, focusing on Emerging Contaminants and Planetary Health.

Scientific contributions will be subjected to a peer review process by the ICFC2025 Scientific Committee members and selected for oral or poster communications at least in one of the following ICFC2025 topics:

1. Impact of Chemical and Biological Contaminants on Health (occurrence, exposure assessment, biomonitoring);
2. Analytical Advances for Emerging Contaminants Determination;
3. Toxicity Spectrum of Food Contaminants.

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# Programme – Day 1

## 25.09.2025 – Day 1

8.00h - 9.00h		Registration and Welcome Coffee
9.00h - 12.45h	<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Emerging Contaminants and Planetary Health: a call for integrated action</b>
9.00h - 9.30h	Opening Remarks	"The Intersection of Food Safety and Planetary Health" <i>Conference Chair &amp; Honorary Committee</i>
<b>9.30h - 12.45h</b>		
9.30h - 10.00h	Keylecture	"To define"  <i>Carlos Neves, European Food Safety Authority - EFSA,</i>
10.00h - 11.15h	Round Table	"The Role of Multilateral Policies in Food Contaminant Mitigation and Planetary Health" <i>(Interactive Debate)</i>
11.15h - 11.45h	<b>COFFEE BREAK &amp; POSTER VIEWING AND NETWORKING</b>	
11.45h - 12.15h	Lecture	"To define"
12.15h - 12.45h	Oral Communications	"To define"
12.45h - 14.30h	<b>LUNCH &amp; POSTER VIEWING AND NETWORKING</b>	
14.30h - 17.00h	<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Impact of Chemical and Biological Contaminants on Health</b>
<b>14.30h - 17.00h</b>		
14.30h - 15.00h	Lecture	"Investigation of the human mycobolome through large-scale population cohorts and poly-omic designs" <i>Martha de Boevre, Ghent University, Belgium</i>
15.00h - 15.30h	Lecture	Early-life exposure to dietary mycotoxins in Brazil: What is the extent of protection provided by the health surveillance systems? <i>Carlos Oliveira, FZEA/USP, Brazil</i>
15.30h - 15.45h	Oral Communications	"To define"
15.45h - 16.15h	<b>COFFEE BREAK &amp; POSTER VIEWING AND NETWORKING</b>	
16.15h - 17.00h	Oral Communications	"To define"
17.00h		Closing Day Social Event Conference Dinner

## Programme – Day 2

26.09.2025 – Day 2

**09.00h - 12.30h**    **Session 3**                    **Analytical Advances for Emerging Contaminants Determination**

*09.00h - 12.30h*

**09.00h - 09.30h**    Lecture                    "The risk characterization of Ciguatera poisoning in Europe over the last nine years: main achievements, challenges and future needs"  
Ana Gago-Martinez, University of Vigo, Spain

**09.30h - 10.00h**    Lecture                    "To define"  
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**10.00h - 10.45h**    Oral Communications    "To define"

**10.45h - 11.15h**    **COFFEE BREAK & POSTER VIEWING AND NETWORKING**

**11.15h - 12.30h**    Round Table                "Analytical techniques and risk communication strategies?"  
*(Iterative Debate)*

**12.30h - 14.00h**    **LUNCH & POSTER VIEWING AND NETWORKING**

**14.00h - 17.00h**    **Session 4**                    **Toxicity Spectrum of Food Contaminants**

*14.00 - 16.00h*

**14.00h - 14.30h**    Lecture                    "Deoxynivalenol : new effect of an old toxin"  
Isabelle Oswald, INRAE, France

**14.30h - 15.30h**    Oral Communications    "To define"

**15.30h - 16.00h**    **COFFEE BREAK & POSTER VIEWING AND NETWORKING**

*16.00 - 17.00h*

**16.00h - 16.10h**                                    Best Poster Award

**16.10h - 16.40h**                                    Remarks and Future Directions

**16.40h - 16.45h**                                    ICFC 2027

**16.45h - 17.00h**                                    Closing ICFC2025

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