

**Announcement**  
**23rd International Specialised Symposium on Yeasts**  
**“Interactions between Yeasts and other Organisms”**  
**26–29 August, 2003**  
**Budapest, Hungary**

**Main topics:**

(i) Ecology, (ii) Biodiversity, (iii) Taxonomy and phylogeny, (iv) Food spoilage, (v) Pathogeny, and (vi) Methods for detection, identification and typing.

The program will comprise of keynote lectures, oral presentations, poster sessions and round table discussions to overview up-to-date knowledge, to contribute to the dissemination of recent research achievements and to stimulate discussion and exchange of information about the above fields related to yeasts.

**Call for papers and posters:**

The Organising Committee awaits and welcomes oral and poster presentations on each of the main topics. However, keynote lectures will be by invitation only, and the abstracts to be submitted will be evaluated by the International Scientific Committee for their relevance and quality for oral or poster presentation. Proposals to convene round table discussions are welcome.

**Preliminary registration and scientific contribution**

Participants intending to present a paper or poster should return the form available on website: [www.diamond-congress.hu/ISSY](http://www.diamond-congress.hu/ISSY) by 1st March, 2002. Further announcement and abstract forms will be sent to those returning the preliminary registration.

**Conference secretariat and correspondence**

Enquiries about registration, accommodation and general matters: Diamond Congress (phone +36-1-214-7698, fax +36-1-201-2680, email: [diamond@diamond-congress.hu](mailto:diamond@diamond-congress.hu)).

About scientific programme and abstracts please contact Prof. T. Deák, Chair, Organising Committee, email: [tdeak@omega.kee.hu](mailto:tdeak@omega.kee.hu)

**Deadlines:**

1 March, 2002:	Preliminary registration
1 June, 2002:	Second announcement, registration and abstract forms
1 February, 2003:	Submission of abstracts
1 May, 2003:	Early registration
1 July, 2003:	Late registration

**Further information on websites:**

[www.diamond-congress.hu/issy](http://www.diamond-congress.hu/issy) (symposium homepage)  
[www.danubiusgroup.com/helia](http://www.danubiusgroup.com/helia) (venue of the symposium)  
[www.fsz.bme.hu/hungary/homepage.html](http://www.fsz.bme.hu/hungary/homepage.html) (all about Hungary)  
[www.hungarytourism.hu](http://www.hungarytourism.hu) (more about Hungary)  
[www.clickbudapest.com](http://www.clickbudapest.com) (all about Budapest)

**Announcement**  
**21st International Congress of Refrigeration**  
**17–22 August, 2003**  
**Washington, DC, USA**

Recent world events have placed and increased focus on issues of safety and health with respect to food and the indoor environment. These and other topics will be discussed in the congress held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. The Congress is held every four years under the auspices of the International Institute of Refrigeration (IIR).

The Congress in 2003 will cover the wide range of refrigeration technologies, products, and applications handled by IIR on a world-wide scale.

This includes:

- cryophysics and cryoengineering
- liquefaction and separation of gases
- thermodynamics and transfer processes
- refrigeration equipment
- cryobiology and cryomedicine
- food science and engineering
- refrigerated storage and transport
- air conditioning
- heat pumps
- energy recovery

The program will interest a wide range of people such as, high-level engineers/scientists, policy makers, and business people from all over the world. The Congress features prestigious plenary and keynote speakers, technical sessions for industry and researchers, poster sessions, and short courses. Other points of interest are tours of research laboratories and industrial sites in the Washington DC area along with many cultural aspects for attendees and guests.

A call for papers will be released on April 30, 2002 for those who wish to present materials at the congress. Requests for abstracts (approximately 250 words) need to be submitted by October 11, 2002.

For registration, participation or any additional information about the congress, please visit this website: [www.icr2003.org](http://www.icr2003.org), or contact:

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**Announcement**  
**EUROFOODTOX V CONFERENCE**  
**“Food Safety – a challenge for processing of food of plant origin**  
**August 28–30th, 2002 Olsztyn/Mierki – Poland**

**Main topics**

The conference represents the latest in series of EUROFOODTOX conferences, which aim at important, inter-disciplinary issues relating to food toxicity and food safety. It will reflect the vital importance of food safety across the entire food chain and address the challenges and opportunities before the agro-food industries to deliver high quality, safe food to the consumer.

(i) Production of safe plant material for food processing (influence of environmental factors, plant breeding etc.), (ii) Plant material as a source of functional products and ingredients (functional foods, additives), (iii) Benefits and risks of food processing (reduction of nutrients, introduction of toxicants), (iv) New methodologies to assess the wholesomeness of food (including analytical and sensory (techniques).

Food safety is a key priority area for the European Research Area, proposed by the European Research Commission and it is anticipated that speakers will include co-ordinators of major EU-funded food safety projects as well as researchers from beyond the boundaries of Europe. The active involvement of young researchers and students is also to be encouraged. Plenary lecturers will be invited to address the above topics. Oral presentations will be selected by the Scientific Committee; selected speakers will be invited with the support of the European Commission. The programme will include a presentation on the European Research Area, and its food safety focus, by a member of the European Commission.

**Workshop**

Workshop addressing the food allergenicity is planned as a post-conference event. This will include inputs from ongoing EU research projects and will serve to further develop effective links and networks in advance of the ERA.

**Fees**

It is expected that the registration fees for the conference will be as follows:

Member 180 €; Non-Member 260 €; Retired/Students 90 €; Accompanying person 30 €. Fee connected only with participation in the Workshop accounts for 110 €.

**Further information on website:** [www.irzbz.pan.olsztyn.pl](http://www.irzbz.pan.olsztyn.pl)