

RISK ASSESSMENT AND SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

Note to the Management Board

3rd EFSA Scientific Conference "Science, Food & Society" (18-21 September 2018, Parma)

EFSA is fine tuning the scientific programme of its 2018 Conference "Science, Food & Society" and closed registration on 31 May.

The presentation will report on key facts and figures, current and future milestones, direction taken, the broad program outline, meeting schedule, and topics tabled for discussion.

Facts and figures

- EFSA's Conference programme is available online at <https://conference.efsa.europa.eu/programme>.
- The Conference is constructed around the motto "Contextualising risk assessment" and "Staying relevant in a changing world". It will reflect on the future of risk assessment in food safety while acknowledging the social and political context within which it operates.
- It will gather a broad range of participants to discuss issues around the complex interplay between science, food and society.
- The outcomes of the Conference will feed into the EFSA strategy 2025 and will help EFSA to understand how it can stay relevant in an ever changing world characterised by new opportunities, challenges and trends.
- The Conference will include 2 plenary sessions, 7 break-out sessions, 3 poster exhibit sessions, 3 sessions of poster highlight pitches for early-career researchers and several satellite events.
- The Conference received over 1,800 registrations, with 1,000 confirmed participants, covering researchers, risk assessors, social scientists, risk managers and stakeholders from all over the world.
- More than 100 internationally renowned experts are confirmed to speak at the Conference.
- 220 posters have been accepted for presentation.
- 41 poster presenters have been offered an early-career researcher grant.