

AflaNet • one-day-conference • call for abstracts

Networking on aflatoxin reduction in the food value chain

9th October 2017

The organizers of the AflaNet project are announcing a conference to be held in Nairobi, Kenya. The aim of the conference is to bring together scientists, stakeholders, institutes, farmers and governmental institutions seeking for long-lasting, innovative and practicable ideas to combat Aflatoxin from the food value chain.

The project funded by the German Ministry of Food and Agriculture in 2016 is designed as an initial study that is planned to be followed by a more intensive, overall collaborative project with African partners. The goal of the AflaNet project is to establish a long-term network between scientific and development partners in Kenya/East Africa and Germany to address the **reduction of aflatoxins in the food value chain**. Scientific results have been gathered by conducting a carry-over study of aflatoxin into milk, about verifying aflatoxin rapid tests and molecular methods to minimise contamination.

The Problem:

Aflatoxins are naturally occurring, **potent fungal toxins in maize**, other cereals, spices, herbs and nuts, which are declared responsible for stunting in children and may poison humans and animals even at low concentrations. The frequent occurrence of aflatoxin in food and feed, especially under sub-Sahara climatic conditions, is related to enormous economic losses in the African countries and has a **great impact on food safety**.

Despite tremendous gain of knowledge, the aflatoxin problem has not been solved yet. More research is needed to combat aflatoxin occurrence and enhance food and feed safety.

Abstract submission guidelines for oral/poster contributions (please specify)

The abstracts should be in English (one/two page/s at maximum) and should be written in MS Word or open office rich text format (Times New Roman, font size 12 pt) with the following details:

Title – Authors – Institutions

A brief description of the originality, **innovation** and technical practicability of the research work. Contributions, which deal with occurrence and **minimizing strategies**, especially under sub-Sahara climate and economic conditions, are most welcome. Please indicate **scientific gaps** and further issues addressing strategies to fight against aflatoxin contamination and enhance **food safety** in Sub-Sahara countries.

Open for abstract submission	15 th May, 2017
Deadline for abstract submission	15 th June, 2017
Notification of acceptance	15 th August, 2017
Conference date	9 th October, 2017

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Please note: Due to a limited budget, it is unfortunately not possible to pay daily allowances.