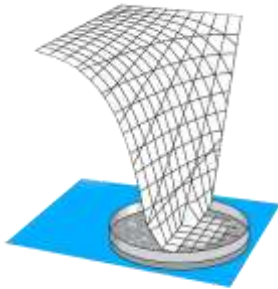


## Organisation of the ICPMF conference: procedure to apply and selection criteria



# ICPMF

International Committee on Predictive Modelling in Food

### Background

The aim of the International Conference on Predictive Modelling in Food is to bring together academic researchers, government scientists and food processors on the theme of predictive modelling in food, and to encourage the use of related software tools by microbiologists and stakeholder of the food sector, in order to improve food safety and quality.

The first conference was organized in Tampa in 1992 and has been biennial since 2007. The International Committee on Predictive Modelling in Food, which was founded in 2011 in Dublin, has the specific mission to catalyse the development of predictive modelling in foods, primarily through advancing the success and sustainability of this conference ([www.icpmf.org](http://www.icpmf.org)). In 2015, the International Committee on Predictive Modelling in Food became a subcommittee of the International Committee on Food Microbiology and Hygiene of the International Union of Microbiological Societies, showing the importance of predictive microbiology in the food safety and quality sector.

The conference has been organized on several continent (North America, South America, Oceania, Europe). The conference regularly gathers between 200 and 300 delegates, coming from more than 20 countries.

### How to apply for the organisation of the conference?

Applicants must indicate their intention to host the conference of year N at least six months before the conference of year N-2 to the President and Secretary of International Committee on Predictive Modelling in Food by email with copy to: [contact@icpmf.org](mailto:contact@icpmf.org)

The applicant should prepare a one-page description of the project which includes: the time period, the city, the (co-)organizer(s) of the conference, the motivation and the preferred topics and if available, one or more supporting organizations. An engagement letter from the main organizer should also be provided.

The selection of the conference location for year N will be made at the ICPMF board meeting at the conference of year N-2. ICPMF members will consider a variety of selection criteria including the need to insure worldwide representation at the conference.

### Past and future conferences

1992	Tampa, FL (US)
1996	Hobart, TAS (AU)
2000	Leuven (Belgium)
2003	Quimper (France)
2007	Athens (Greece)
2009	Washington DC (US)
2011	Dublin (Ireland)
2013	Paris (France)
2015	Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)
2017	Cordoba (Spain)
<b>2019</b>	<b>Braganza (Portugal)</b>