

## Call for papers

# PROFESSIONALS IN FOOD CHAINS

## Ethics, Roles and Responsibilities

**EurSafe Congress 2018**

**13<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Vienna, Austria**

### Background

The EurSafe 2018 Congress in Vienna will focus on the role of professionals and professions in the food chain. Within the public debate surrounding food it is often argued that the key to meeting current challenges is changing consumer behaviour. Professionals and practitioners like farmers, retailers, veterinarians, or researchers are only in the limelight when the media report on so called “food scandals”. To better understand and get to grips with current and future problems in the food chain, it is essential that we pay greater attention to the role and position of professionals. Different expectations and interests lead to challenging and complex situations for all parties trying to understand the nature of the problems. Additionally, participating players act in different areas of responsibility and are subject to professional values and constructions of virtues, as well as expectations about their expertise. Therefore, the prominent questions are: What are the main ethical challenges for the professionals in the food chain? Who within this complex field holds responsibility for emerging issues? What does it mean for the food-related professions to work in a field of immense social tension? Which virtues are necessary to do a proper job?

### Congress Topics

The EurSafe Congress 2018 welcomes submissions from a broad range of disciplines, including philosophy, agricultural science, law, economics, and sociology. The topics of the Congress will range from fundamental issues in ethics to veterinary medicine, from transparency in the food chain to animal welfare. We welcome papers that use case studies to expose problem areas and suggest guidelines on how to deal with them.

#### Congress topics include:

- Professional Roles and Responsibility: General Issues
- Sustainable Food Chains
- Novel Approaches in Food Production Systems
- Food Politics: Policy and Legislation
- Media, Transparency, and Trust
- Ethics of Consumption
- Veterinary Ethics
- Teaching and Research Ethics
- Aquaculture and agriculture ethics
- Food, plant and animal ethics

You are welcome to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentations via the conference web-site until **11<sup>th</sup> September 2017**: <http://www.vetmeduni.ac.at/eursafe2018/>.

We welcome contributions on the topics above as well as general topics on food ethics, aquaculture ethics, agriculture ethics and animal ethics. All accepted contributions will be published as a short academic paper in a peer reviewed book published by Wageningen Academic Publishers.

We are also open to make room for workshops upon request during the conference. Furthermore we explicitly welcome practitioners' contribution with non-scientific background. If you want to organize a workshop or submit a con-

tribution as a practitioner (non-scientific background), please get in touch with the scientific organizers not later than 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 via the following e-mail: [eursafe2018@vetmeduni.ac.at](mailto:eursafe2018@vetmeduni.ac.at).

## Important dates

<b>May 2017</b>	Call for abstracts
<b>11 Sept 2017</b>	Deadline for submission of abstracts
<b>11 Oct 2017</b>	Notification of decision on abstracts to authors
<b>8 Jan 2018</b>	Deadline for submissions of full papers
<b>8 Feb 2018</b>	Notification of acceptance of full papers to authors
<b>1 March 2018</b>	Final submission of full papers
<b>15 March 2018</b>	Deadline for early bird registration

Please refer to the congress website for updated information and further details.

<http://www.vetmeduni.ac.at/eursafe2018/>

## Venue and organization

EurSafe 2018 will be held at the Messerli Research Institute – Unit of Ethics and Human-Animal Studies – at the University of Veterinary Medicine.

► Veterinärplatz 1, 1021 Vienna, Austria

### Contact event management:

For questions concerning registration, hotel booking and social program please contact the event management team of the University of Vienna: E-Mail: [congress@univie.ac.at](mailto:congress@univie.ac.at), Tel: +43 1 42 771-17677

### Contact scientific programme:

For questions concerning scientific programme, scheduling and any other conference-related matter:  
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**Looking forward to seeing you in Vienna!**