



Food Safety and Municipality Conference 2018

Second Week of April 2018

Muscat – Sultanate of Oman

Introduction and aims:

Food safety and quality system is one of the main pillars of municipal work which aimed protecting consumer health and safety and public health. The system is currently facing a number of changes and challenges at the local, regional and international levels such as the emergence of modern technologies in the fields of food industry and preservation, commercial fraud, changing consumption patterns and increasing cases of food-borne and water-borne diseases as well as their impacts on the fields of tourism, trade, business, education, health, etc.

Indeed, such challenges need to be addressed through developing of human resources working in the control authorities and providing them with the latest technologies and equipment to control hazards level in foods. Various media and modern social media play an important role in raising the awareness in society about the significance of food safety and quality and preservation of municipal achievements.

The conference will be arranged in the second week of April 2018 within the GCC in conjunction with the Food Safety Week in the Sultanate and the Gulf Food Safety Day. The conference covers two major themes; food safety and Municipal work and aims to address the latest developments, share scientific and practical experiences and experiments with the participation of experts and specialists from different countries and GCC countries.





Conference Themes:

First: Field of Food Safety:

- **Safety and Quality of Foods in GCC Markets and their health implications:**
 - Safety and quality of processed baby foods: milk substitutes, formulas, supplements, candies, etc.
 - Safety of locally produced and imported foods; establishing shelf life (expiry date) of food products.
 - Fast foods: impact of preparation methods on the safety and quality of fast foods, consumption patterns and effects on public health (risk of non-communicable diseases), role of fast foods in creating an obesogenic environment.
- **Media, Awareness, Strategies, Food Security, Consumer Behavior and Food Safety:**
 - Media coverage in consumer awareness.
 - Food safety and food security.
 - Food safety and nutritional security/health security.
 - Food safety strategies in the developed countries.
 - Commercial fraud in food: methods and impacts on food safety.
- **Food Safety Policies Implementation Significance:**
 - Hygiene and food safety awareness in health professional (medical staff).
 - Tourism and food safety.
 - Business and food safety.
 - Education and food safety.
- **Emerging RiskS and Novel Technologies in Food Safety:**
 - Emerging risk factors for food safety.
 - Inherent risk of eating raw and minimally processed foods.
 - Effective policies for existing and emerging risks.
 - Antibiotic resistant bacteria and food safety.
 - Emerging screening technologies for microbial detection.
 - Food bio-preservation and food safety.
 - Packaging: processing means, methods of manufacture, their impact on the quality and safety of food.

Targets and Participants:

- Food safety specialists in the public and private sectors.
- Researchers and academics in food safety.
- University and college students.
- Public health officials and health educators.





Language:

Arabic and English languages (Interpretation is available).

Organizer:

Ministry of Regional Municipalities and Water Resources in cooperation with the concerned authorities in the Sultanate.

Important dates:

- Abstract Submission deadline: **14 September 2017**
- Notification of Acceptance : **2 October 2017**

To submit abstracts, please log at:
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**Note: The organizer will provide travel tickets
(economy class) and accommodation for the accepted papers.**





Second: Field of Municipality:

(The submission of abstracts in this field shall be limited to the competent authorities of the GCC countries)

• **Modern systems and techniques in municipal services:**

- Application of electronic food control management.
- Strict control on imported food.
- Registration and classification of imported and electronically traded food and linking it to barcodes.
- Application of health inspector system for all food institutions including importers of food.
- Latest systems and methods of sampling according to the local and international developments in health control.
- Modern methods in food control.
- Modern systems in addressing and numbering.

• **Partnership with the private sector in the development of municipal works:**

• **Investment fields in:**

- Successful experiments in establishment, development and management of central markets and slaughterhouses.
 - o Traditional markets "Economic supporter and national identity".
 - o Development and management of gardens and parks.

• **Privatization of the waste management sector.**

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• **Best practices in sustainable urban planning:**

- Modern technologies in monitoring buildings quality and dealing with contractors.
- Steel structure and its impact on the Gulf architecture.
- Structural analysis and design of buildings using AutoCAD.
- Solar and renewable energy technologies in buildings and institutions.
- Raising efficiency of public transportation in crowded cities.
- Quality control of construction and inspection in construction sites.

• **Areas of voluntary work in municipal work:**





Targets and Participants:

- Specialists in the relevant authorities in the GCC countries.

The concerned authorities of the GCC countries will be addressed through the General Secretariat of the GCC countries.

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