



# INVITATION FOR SPONSORS AND EXHIBITORS

<https://foodmicro2026.icfmh.org>

Dear Sirs,

We are pleased to inform you that we have started preparations for the FOODMicro2026 Conference, organised by the **International Committee for Food Microbiology and Hygiene (ICFMH)**.

The conference will take place from **7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2026 in Ljubljana**. We expect around 500 participants from more than 40 countries, and the official language will be English. The motto of the conference is "*Revisiting the Roots: Reviving Hygiene in Advancing Food Microbiology*".

In terms of content, the conference will address the most important current challenges in which food microbiology plays a key role, namely:

- sustainable food production,
- food safety and
- human health and well-being.

The FOODMicro2026 Conference is an important global meeting in the field of food microbiology that has been bringing together experts from research and educational institutions and industry for decades. As food microbiology is an interdisciplinary science, we expect participants at the conference who work in the most diverse areas of food microbiology: Microbiologists, biologists, biotechnologists, food technologists, physicians, veterinarians and pharmacists.

The FOODMicro2026 Conference with so many participants from all over the world is a unique opportunity to present your programmes, services and products and to bring together experts with various decision makers from the national and international environment. As the organisation of such a conference is associated with high costs, we propose various possible forms of sponsorship for this event.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. **Sonja Smole Možina**, Chair of the Programme Committee

Assist. Prof. **Elizabeta Mičović**, Chair of the Organizing Committee

Prof. Dr. **Peter Raspor**, Honorary President

Prof. Dr. **Andreja Rajkovic**, ICFMH president

## ORGANISED BY

International Committee on Food Microbiology and Hygiene (ICFMH)

## MAJOR TOPICS

### FOOD MICROBIOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE FOOD PRODUCTION:

- in traditional & novel food processing technologies,
- food & beverage fermentations,
- big databases, AI, and food microbiology for efficient food production

### FOOD MICROBIOLOGY FOR FOOD SAFETY AND HUMAN HEALTH & WELL-BEING:

- foodborne pathogens, their resistance and persistence along the food chain,
- microbial interactions, food & gut microbiomes against chronic and infectious diseases;
- clean water and sanitation, microbial biofilms control and hygienic design; food microbiology and responsible consumption & production
- microbial spoilage control & circular economy,
- novel food preservation, packaging, and distribution systems,
- predictive food microbiology and microbial risk assessment,
- new food microbiology risks in changing climate conditions.

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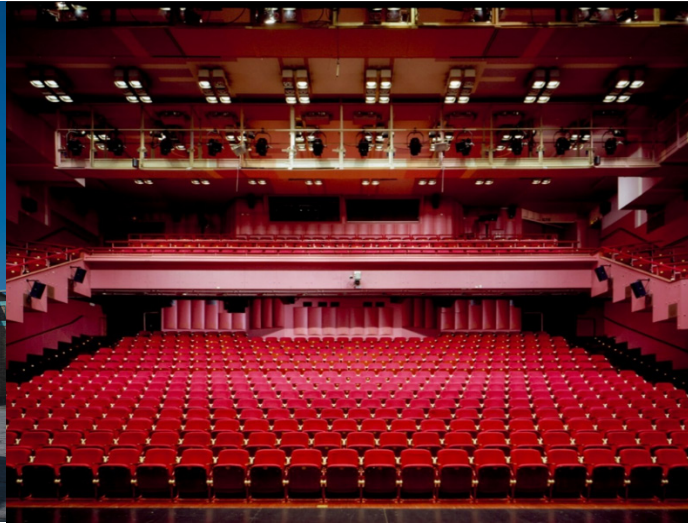
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## CONFERENCE VENUE

Cankarjev dom, Cultural and Congress Centre

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<http://www.cd-cc.si/en/congresses/>

Linhart Hall/ Plenary Hall

## SLOVENIA

Surrounded by the high Alps and the Adriatic Sea, Slovenia is a hidden gem in the heart of Europe. It is a land where the Pannonian Plain meets the mysterious Karst, where hills and valleys show off their pristine nature. Green mountains, lakes, waterfalls, forests, caves, hills, plains, rivers and the sea – all on 20,273 km<sup>2</sup> of land. The beautiful nature is replete with historic buildings, castles, churches and parks, where old traditional customs are still alive, and the people are friendly and cheerful.

Slovenia borders on Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia. The coastal climate is Mediterranean, and continental in the plateaus and valleys of the east, which makes this country an ideal tourist destination throughout the year.

Short video about Slovenia: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QuTfeHM0Uk4>

## LJUBLJANA

The capital of Slovenia is located in the centre of the country, about an hour's drive from the Alps and the Adriatic Sea. Ljubljana is a lively industrial, commercial, administrative, and cultural centre. With its cafes, restaurants, shops and galleries, the picturesque Old Town on the banks of the Ljubljanica River is an increasingly popular tourist attraction.

## LIST OF OPTIONS FOR SPONSORSHIP

Please choose one or more of the following contribution possibilities:

- as a sponsor of the conference,
- as an advertiser in conference materials (final programme book, leaflets in the conference bag),
- as an internet advertiser,
- by participating in the conference exhibition
- by special presentation of your product: (satellite symposia)
- other items (conference bags, advertisement, lanyards....).

## SPONSOR CATEGORIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**GENERAL SPONSOR 15000 EUR**

**GOLDEN SPONSOR 12000 EUR**

**SILVER SPONSOR 8000 EUR**

**BRONZE SPONSOR 4000 EUR**

**Deadline for selection of sponsorship options: until May 23, 2026**

**Deadline for payment: until June 30, 2026**

**“Level” sponsors will be given first choice until the deadlines given above have been reached and will be treated on a “first come, first served” basis.**

## LEVEL SPONSORS WILL ENJOY THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

### GENERAL SPONSOR

- Acknowledgement as a General Sponsor in the Program and Book of Abstracts and conference home page
- Exhibition space in the size of 15 m<sup>2</sup>
- 2 advertisement pages in the Programme (full inside front & back cover colour pages; excl. films)
- Right to distribute conference bags or folders with the sponsor's logo (on the condition they are provided by the sponsor, or else this right is granted to another interested sponsor)
- Logo on the conference website with a link to Sponsor's web page.
- Promotional leaflet in the conference bag (maximum up to two A4 pages, excl. production of the leaflets)
- Acknowledgement in Chairman's address at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Logo on the screen before the plenary sessions
- Right to choose the placement of the booth in the exhibition hall
- 5 complimentary registration fees to access scientific sessions for the company staff
- Conference logo for use on sponsor's promotional leaflets

## **GOLDEN SPONSOR**

- Acknowledgement as a Golden Sponsor in the Program and Book of Abstracts and conference home page
- Exhibition space in the size of 12 m<sup>2</sup>
- 1 advertisement page in the Program (full inside colour pages; excl. films)
- Logo on the conference website with a link to Sponsor's web page.
- One promotional leaflet in the conference bag (one A4 page, excl. production of the leaflets)
- Acknowledgement in Chairman's address at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Logo on the screen before the plenary sessions
- Right to choose the placement of the booth in the exhibition hall
- 4 complimentary registration fees to access scientific sessions for the company staff
- Conference logo for use on sponsor's promotional leaflets

## **SILVER SPONSOR**

- Acknowledgement as Silver Sponsor in the Program and Book of Abstracts and conference home page
- Exhibition space in the size of 9 m<sup>2</sup>
- 1 advertisement in the programme (full inside colour page, inside; excl. films)
- Logo on the conference website with a link to Sponsor's web page.
- Acknowledgement in Chairman's address at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Logo on the screen before the plenary sessions
- Right to choose the placement of the booth in the exhibition hall after the Golden Sponsors
- 3 complimentary registration fees to access scientific sessions for the company staff
- Conference logo for use on sponsor's promotional leaflets

## **BRONZE SPONSOR**

- Acknowledgement as Bronze Sponsor in the Program and Book of Abstracts and conference home page
- Exhibition space in the size of 6 m<sup>2</sup>
- Logo on the conference website with a link to Sponsor's web page
- Acknowledgement in Chairman's address at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Logo on the screen before the plenary sessions
- Conference logo for use on sponsor's promotional leaflets
- Right to choose the placement of the booth in the exhibition hall after the Golden and Silver sponsors
- 2 complimentary registration fees to access scientific sessions for the company staff

Additional equipment and services can be rented at an extra charge within the on-line Exhibition Booking Form

The sponsorship amount does not include the exhibition equipment (partition walls, desks, chair, other), design and printing of advertisements

The webpage links will be established from the day the first sponsorship instalment has been paid until the last day of the conference.

## REGISTRATION OF SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

Please use the contact information to make your requests. On receiving confirmation from Cankarjev dom by e-mail, the sponsor will receive a contract and an invoice. From that date the sponsor may no longer withdraw his application free of charge.

Within each category sponsors will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis. Cancellation policy will be defined in the sponsorship contract.

## OTHER SPONSORSHIP ITEMS

### 2.1. ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE PROGRAMME:

- Full page, inside, colour **1000 EUR**
- Deadline for submission of ads: **July 25, 2026.**

### 2.2. SPONSORSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE BAGS

Priority will be given to sponsors. The Organizing Committee will select the type and design of the bags. The bags can also be provided directly by the sponsor company.

### SPONSOR IS ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:

- Publication of logo in the Final Programme
- Publication of logo on the conference bags
- Approx. 500 pcs.

**The final costs depend on the choice. Estimate costs a 3000 EUR.**

### 2.3. SPONSORSHIP OF THE LANYARDS

Priority will be given to sponsors. The Organizing Committee will select the type and design of the lanyards. The sponsor may provide at his own expenses, badge holders with his logo visible.

- Right to distribute Lanyard with sponsor's logo is available under condition that General sponsor doesn't use this right.
- Your company logo appears on delegate lanyards approx. 500 pcs.

**Rate: 2500 EUR**

### 2.4. PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL IN CONFERENCE BAGS

- Interested companies can insert a leaflet or brochure into the conference bags. Approx. 500 pcs.
- Deadline for submission of inserts: **August 20, 2026.**

**Rate: 2000 EUR**

## 2.5. LUNCHEON SATELLITE SYMPOSIA OR SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM / WORKSHOP

The organiser offers opportunity for several 45-minute satellite symposia and workshops to be held in one of the session halls during lunchtime. The time allocated for the symposia is scheduled after the lunch provided by the organiser and before the start of the scientific programme. You can also choose the time slot before or after the official scientific programme. The FOODMicro2026 organisers will try to avoid that at the time at which symposium is being held no other comparable event with similar content takes place within the scope of the Conference Schedule. Time slots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and according to the sponsorship level. Preference in the choice of the time/hour is given to major sponsors. Satellite symposium programme must be submitted and approved by the Scientific Committee.

### **SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Hall rental
- Sound amplification, two microphones, video projection
- Announcement in the final programme (title, organiser)
- Sponsor can publish own programme and proceedings of the satellite symposium

**Rate: 4500 EUR**

### **COFFEE BREAKS**

A morning and afternoon coffee break will be available in the exhibition area for the whole duration of the Conference. The cost includes the sponsorship for one coffee break for approx. 400 pax. The costs depend on the choice of beverage and number of participants.

### **SPONSORS WILL BE ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:**

- Acknowledgement as a Coffee break Sponsor in the Final Programme
- Sign board with sponsor's logo

**Rate: 2.800 EUR**

### **LUNCHES**

Lunches will be provided in the exhibition area for three days of the Conference. The cost includes the sponsorship of one lunch for approx. 400 pax. The costs depend on the choice of beverage and number of participants.

### **SPONSORS WILL BE ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING BENEFITS:**

- Acknowledgement as a Lunch Sponsor in the Final Programme
- Sign board with sponsor's logo

**Rate: 12.000 EUR**

### **SPECIAL REQUESTS**

If you have any other requests regarding the presentation of your company at the FOODMicro2026, please contact the conference office manager listed in contacts' paragraph.

## EXHIBITION

The commercial exhibition will accompany the conference. The exhibition is held in the hall where coffee is served to the conference delegates during breaks. All exhibition arrangements may be booked as stand-alone items at any time or as part of a sponsorship package. The exhibition is held in the foyer where coffee is served to the conference delegates during breaks.

Once an e-mail with confirmation is received, a confirmation of exhibition will be e-mailed to you with an accompanying invoice. All payments must be received before the start date of the conference. Should the exhibitor fail to complete payments prior to the commencement of the conference, the organizer will be entitled to cancel the reservation.



**Exhibition venue: Foyer II (-2)**

**Space rental per m<sup>2</sup>:**

**Payment by or on April 20, 2026                      300 EUR**

**Payment after April 20, 2026                         350 EUR**

**Minimum rental space:                                      4 m<sup>2</sup>**

**Please note that the abovementioned prices refer to floor space only.**

**ADDITIONAL ORDERS: within the order form which will be sent by email**

- octa norm booth construction
- extra furniture and accessories (small cabinets, counters, plants etc.),
- connections (electricity, UTP)
- IT (printer, plasma screen, laptop, (NO extra sound/ audio boxes allowed)
- Services (hostesses)

Allocation of space will be treated as a first-come first-served basis (except for “level” sponsors). Organiser reserves the right to alter the location of the booth requested by the exhibitor without prior notice.

## EXHIBITION PERSONNEL REGISTRATION

Personnel must be registered and wear the exhibitor’s badge displaying the exhibiting company name. Exhibitors are entitled to free of charge exhibitor’s badges with regard to the size of the exhibition space:

- **From 4 to 6 m<sup>2</sup>                                      2 free exhibitor badges**
- **From 9 to 12 m<sup>2</sup>                                    3 free exhibitor badges**
- **From 12 to 15 m<sup>2</sup>                                 5 free exhibitor badges**

Exhibitor’s badges enable access to the exhibition, welcome reception, refreshments during breaks, lunches and one conference bag with programme per booth.

## OPTIONAL EXTRA EXHIBITOR BADGES

You may order extra exhibitor badges at **EUR 100** per booth for staff members. Badges are not personified and can be transferred. An exhibitor badge does not include a participation in the scientific programme and includes coffee breaks, lunches and access to the exhibition area.

## EXHIBITOR'S TECHNICAL MANUAL

**AN EXHIBITORS' TECHNICAL MANUAL OUTLINING ALL TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF EXHIBITING WILL BE AVAILABLE APPROXIMATELY 1 MONTH PRIOR TO THE MEETING. IT WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Technical details about the venue
- Final exhibition details and information
- Services available to exhibitors and order forms

## PAYMENT POLICY

The rates listed are the subject to the European VAT laws.

**All rates in the invitation for sponsors and exhibitors exclude 22% statutory VAT**, which is obligatory to pay by applying companies. Total amount must be paid upon receipt of an invoice. If payment is not received by conference organisers in due time sponsors and exhibitors are responsible for the problems that may occur. All confirmations will be sent after the invoice is paid.

## CANCELLATIONS

### SPONSORS

Cancellation policy will be defined in the sponsorship contract.

### EXHIBITORS

All cancellations of participation in the exhibition must be sent in writing to Cankarjev dom. All exhibition cancellations received before July 10, 2026, will be refunded 80% of received payment. After this date no payment will be refunded. All the refunds will be carried out after the end of the conference.

## CONTACT

### CONTACT PERSON FOR SPONSORS AND EXHIBITION:

CANKARJEV DOM

Cultural and Congress Centre

Alenka Kregar

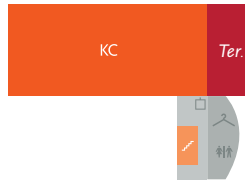
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VENUE OVERVIEW

6 | CD Club



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- KC CD Club from Erjavčeva St., Entrance 5
- Ter. Terrace

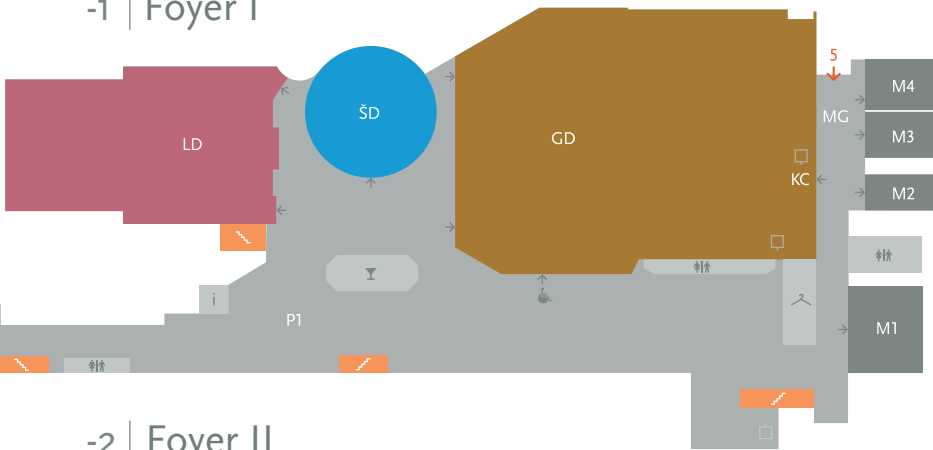
o | Grand Reception Hall



o | Ground Floor

- 1 Entrance 1 Prešernova St.
- 2 Entrance 2 Republic Sq.
- 4 Entrance 4 Stage Ent.
- 6 Entrance 6 Employee Ent.
- VS Grand Reception Hall
- GD Gallus Hall  
Circle and Balcony
- GC CD Galery
- LN Lili Novy Club from 1<sup>st</sup> Fl.
- DP Duša Počkaj Hall
- Rec. Reception
- Bar »Idealist«

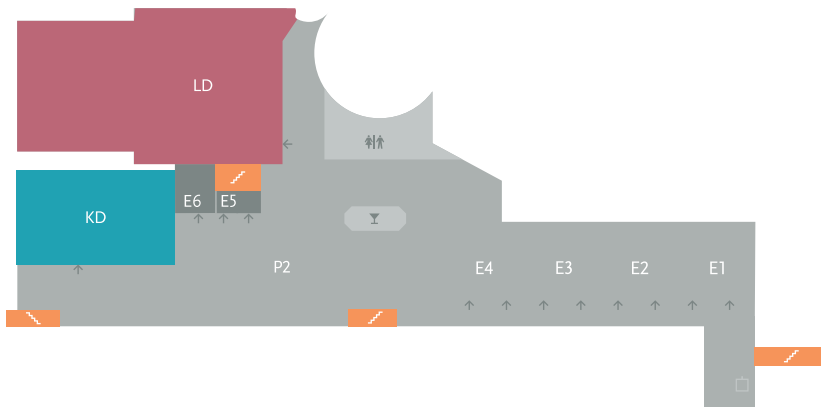
-1 | Foyer I



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- 3 Entrance 3 from Maxi Pasgeway
- 5 Entrance 5 from Erjavčeva St.
- P1 Foyer I
- GD Gallus Hall Stalls
- LD Linhart Hall Balcony
- ŠD Štih Hall
- MG Small Gallery
- IC Info Centre & Box Office
- KC Klub CD from 6<sup>th</sup> Fl.
- M Conference Rooms 1-4

-2 | Foyer II



-2 | Foyer II

- LD Linhart Hall Stalls
- KD Kosovel Hall
- P2 Drugo preddverje
- E Conference Rooms 1-6

- Toilette
- Cloakroom
- Lift
- Bar
- CD Entrance
- Hall Entrance
- Stairway