



THE FUTURE OF FERMENTATION: WELCOME TO ICOFF

29.10.2024 | 8:30 – 11:00

NOI TECHPARK BOLZANO, SEMINAR ROOM 1

From apple cider vinegar, yoghurt and sourdough bread to miso and kimchi, people around the world have relied on fermentation for thousands of years to preserve food. At NOI Techpark in Bozen-Bolzano, this method, which has a long tradition in South Tyrol, is an important focal point. With the launch of ICOFF, the International Centre on Food Fermentations, a new, international chapter begins. We invite you to join us at the inauguration event on 29 October 2024 to explore the future of fermentation.

As a newly established interdisciplinary competence centre of the Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, ICOFF is dedicated to advancing research and developing innovative fermentation technologies. Here, nine companies from South Tyrol, Italy and across Europe will soon begin working on medium and long-term research projects to optimise and redesign products and processes. A scientific board of renowned international experts will support the research at ICOFF.

As part of the opening event and the subsequent press conference, you will have the opportunity to tour the ICOFF facilities and learn more about its key focus areas and plans.

PROGRAMME

- 08:30 **Opening remarks**
Ulrich Stofner, NOI Techpark
Marco Gobetti, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
Raffaella Di Cagno, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano
- 08:45 **Introduction of corporate partners**
- 09:30 **Talk 1: Food System Rethinking: Can Food Fermentation Drive Vulnerable Traditions towards Resilient Innovations?**
Emanuele Zannini, Università La Sapienza, Rome, Scientific Board ICOFF
- 09:50 **Talk 2: Leveraging fermentation technology for health**
Christophe Courtin, University of Leuven, Belgium, Scientific Board ICOFF
- 10:10 **Talk 3: How to combat bacteriophages that disrupt food fermentations**
Douwe van Sinderen, University College of Cork, Ireland, Scientific Board ICOFF
- 10:30 **Closing remarks**
Raffaella Di Cagno, ICOFF, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Director of ICOFF
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- 11:00 *Press conference – Opening ICOFF
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The event will be in English, with simultaneous translation available in German and Italian.

REGISTRATION

Participation is free, but registration is required. Register [here](#) until 27.10.2024.

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