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**The packaging community meets at Villa Medici Giulini from 21 to 23 October 2015 Briosco, Monza**



**Special 7<sup>th</sup> edition of SLIM**



**II edition National meeting - Poster Conference**



**PRIN12 - Long Life, High Sustainability**

## What is it about?

2015 will certainly be a very unique year for Milan, hosting city of EXPO 2015, and for Italy as a whole. EXPO 2015 will also be one of the largest event on food and nutrition. During the 6 months of exposition Milan will become a world class showcase to which different Countries will contribute with innovative ideas and solutions in reply to the event main topic: feed the planet, energy for life.

GSICA intends to actively participate to the Universal Exposition offering its own contribute. That is the reason why GSICA has decided to group in one single event all the meetings and scientific happenings it usually organizes during the year; such meetings are GSICA's distinguishing feature making the association a real beacon.

The scientific meetings are also expression of GSICA mission: "to encourage the growth and diffusion of a food packaging scientific culture and to skilfully represent the Italian research in international contexts".

GSICA global event will consist of three main sessions:

- a special SLIM edition (Shelf Life International Meeting, the bi-annual meeting focus on shelf life main issues), named SLIM for YOUNG
- the second edition of AGORÀ, a national forum dedicated to the food packages
- a dissemination event of PRIN 12 project "Long Life, High Sustainability" focused on the shelf life extension as a potential sustainability indicator; the project, endorsed by the Ministry of Education, involves a large number of researchers from different Italian universities

## Special 7<sup>th</sup> Edition SLIM for young 2015

The Specialty of this edition lies in two reasons:

- SLIM 2015 will be held in Milan during the Expo Milano 2015, a non-commercial Universal Exposition around the theme of *Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life*. Open from May 1 to October 31, 2015, the EXPO, a giant exhibition site, covering one million square meters, is expected to welcome over 20 million visitors. SLIM 2015 received the patronage of EXPO 2015, having been considered a high-scientific value event whose topics completely fit the aim of the Universal Exposition.

*Feeding the Planet* is possible only if foods can be preserved and not wasted. SLIM aims to highlight the potential of Shelf Life Extension (SLE) in contributing to solve the problems of Food Security, Food Loss & Waste

- SLIM 2015 will pay particular attention to young scientists, whose enthusiasm and *Energy for Life* are the main driving forces for a High-Quality Research and Development. For this reason, GSICA decided to title this special edition of SLIM, as SLIM for YOUNG 2015. Young scientists (below 40) will be strongly invited to contribute and to attend the meeting and will be involved as Chairmen/women of the sessions and main lectures

The main essence of SLIM, being the forum for discussion of current developments and future directions for research on SLE, will provide the building block of the event. The conference structure, the multidisciplinary approach, the diversity of the attendees and the careful selection of the contributes from both industries and academic institutions are expected to contribute significantly to identify problems and to promote scientific discussions and further collaborative research cooperation.

## Topics

The conference will be structured on different sessions whose common title will be “**Long Life, High Sustainability**”. They are seen as the places where significant project results and research activities for Shelf Life Extension will be presented. Each of them will be sub-divided into the following main topics:

### New Materials and Technologies for Shelf Life Extension

Nanomaterials - Innovative packaging materials - Active packaging - Intelligent packaging – Biosensors - New food processing technologies - New food preservatives - New techniques for risk reduction – Packaging sustainability - Packaging Waste Disposal – LCA - Recycling

### Shelf Life Testing

Non-invasive analytical techniques - Sensory evaluation techniques - New freshness indicators and quality indexes - Performance of packaging materials - Risk management

### Shelf Life Modelling and Prediction

Shelf Life and quality decay of food and beverages - Protective properties of packaging materials - Kinetics of food quality degradation - Sensorial indexes decay- Predictive microbiology

Particularly, the sessions will represent also the first dissemination event of the Italian Research Projects “PRIN12 - Long Life, High Sustainability”, involving nine Italian Universities, around the theme of SLE with reference to possible increase of sustainability, reduction of Food Loss, Waste and Food Security scenarios.

## II edition of AGORÀ

GSICA also announces the II Edition of AGORÀ, the National Forum on Food Packaging whose aim is to foster the knowledge and the synergies in the National Packaging Community. The format is particularly innovative consisting in four sessions, each structured with a wide poster session followed by Face to Face Meetings usually reserved and scheduled in advance.

## Key dates

● Abstract submission deadline **April 30<sup>th</sup> 2015**

● Abstract acceptance notification **July 15<sup>th</sup> 2015**

The details will be available soon on [www.gsica.net](http://www.gsica.net)

## Scientific Committee

Giovanna Buonocore, IMCB-CNR (IT); Matteo Alessandro Del Nobile, University of Foggia (IT); Cristina Nicoli, University of Udine (IT); Joseph Hotchkiss, Michigan State University (US); Dong Sun Lee, Kyungnam University (KR); Cristina Nerin, Zaragoza University (ES); Luciano Piergiovanni, University of Milano (IT); Christian Langowski, Fraunhofer Institute for Process Engineering & Packaging (D); Kit L. Yam, Rutgers University (US); Giuseppe Muratore, University of Catania (IT); Sasitorn Tongchipakdee, Kasetsart University (TH) **waiting to be confirmed**

## Organising Committee

Maria Rosa Baroni, Food Packages (IT); Amalia Conte, University of Foggia (IT); Sara Limbo, University of Milan (IT); Stefano Farris, University of Milan (IT); Fabio Licciardello, University of Catania (IT); Giacomo Canali, Barilla G. & R. Fratelli SpA (IT); Dario Dainelli, Sealed Air Srl (IT); Francesca Mostardini, Pack Co Srl (IT); Gianluigi Vestrucci, Pack CO Srl (IT); Luisa Torri, University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo (IT); Michela Fumagalli, GSICA (IT) **waiting to be confirmed**

## Registration Details

The registration fee includes:

- Attendance at conference sessions
- Coffee breaks and lunch
- Certificate of attendance
- Gala dinner
- Conference materials
- Book of abstract

AGORÀ			AGORÀ + SLIM for young		
	before July 31 <sup>st</sup>	after July 31 <sup>st</sup>		before July 31 <sup>st</sup>	after July 31 <sup>st</sup>
GSICA members	100 euro*	150 euro*	GSICA members	350 euro*	450 euro*
Full fee	150 euro*	200 euro*	Full fee	550 euro*	650 euro*
Student	50 euro*	50 euro*	Student	200 euro*	200 euro*

\*The above rates are net of taxes if due

The registration form is available on GSICA web site: [www.gsica.net](http://www.gsica.net)

Participants are invited to overfill the registration form and to write clearly. It must be delivered by e-mail to GSICA Secretariat within the 28 September 2015. The form must be attached to the copy of payment fee, in fact **it will not be possible to enrol in the meeting at the reception desk, or pay during the meeting. We will not accept incomplete or illegible form.** Full refund, less a cancellation charge of 20%, will only be made on cancellations received prior to 5 October 2015. Thereafter we regret that no refund can be made. Delegates may be substituted at any time. Please note that refunds will not be given at the reception desk and need a written request.

## Venue



The Conference will be held at Villa Medici Giulini, one of the Italian Historical Residences located in Briosco (MB) near Milan. The prestigious rooms are ideal locations for exclusive work meeting, brainstorming and special events, in which the theme of music runs like a *leitmotiv* and characterizes the hospitality offered at Villa Medici ([www.villamedici-giulini.it](http://www.villamedici-giulini.it)). Hotels in the surroundings will be suggested by the organization. However, due to the huge number of expected visitors in Milan and surroundings, it is strongly recommended to reserve rooms in advance.



## Accommodations

The details accommodations, social events and EXPO visit will be available soon on our website. Guests will have access to EXPO tickets at a discounted price.

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