



# 2021 IFAMA *Virtual* CONFERENCE

*June 21-25, 2021* ◆ *Innovations Reshaping the Future of Food*

## 2021 REVISED SYMPOSIUM CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Battered by the pandemic, climate change, and geopolitical instability, a radical rethinking of the entire global food system is necessary from producer and importer to the end consumer to change the current paradigm.

IFAMA offers a timetable for new submissions to present during 2021 Symposium on a new theme: *Innovations Reshaping the Future of Food*.

Researchers who have already sent papers and proposals intended for the Costa Rica 2021 conference under the theme: *Technologies and digital transformation for sustainability in Agribusiness* need not resubmit.

### 1. CALL FOR EXTENDED ABSTRACTS AND PAPERS

IFAMA invites new **extended abstracts and full papers** for oral presentations in the following tracks:

- **Track 1:** Sustainability and resilience in food supply chains.
- **Track 2:** Circular economy and innovations solving societal challenges in agribusiness sector.
- **Track 3:** The roles and challenges of new digital technologies for agri-food systems.
- **Track 4:** Challenges and opportunities presented by COVID-19 pandemic for cross-cutting disruption in agri-food systems.

- **Track 5:** Changes in international financing for sustainable development.
- **Track 6:** Other topics that fit within the conference theme.

**Track 6** includes subject areas traditionally addressed by the agribusiness profession:

- Agribusiness strategy and value chains
- Food and agribusiness sector development
- Customer orientation and marketing
- Smallholders and food system transformation
- Food health and one health, food security, and food safety
- Agribusiness education
- Innovation and entrepreneurship
- Food loss and waste
- Environment, landscapes, and society

*Please see format guidelines and deadlines below.*

## **2. CALL FOR POSTER PAPERS**

Up to 2,000 words to propose a research idea, seek research collaboration, present a literature review, describe a research design, or report work-in-progress. Presentations are primarily focused on sharing and discussing innovation practice and experience.

*Please see format guidelines and deadlines below.*

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## **3. CALL FOR TEACHING CASES**

The Case Conference track of IFAMA's academic Symposium is intended for a broad audience of professionals who are interested in developing effective food and agribusiness related cases and using them as learning tools, as well as for those interested in the specific case topics discussed. Teaching Cases may cover any topic of managerial relevance, but preferably related to one of the IFAMA 2021 themes which explore innovations that are currently reshaping the agribusiness sector.

## Submission Deadlines for Teaching Cases

- **21-February:** Notification decisions on cases submitted for Costa Rica 2021
- **15-March:** Submission Deadline for Teaching Cases.
- **Early May:** Notification of acceptance to present virtually during IFAMA 2021 conference.

Please read [complete submission guidelines](#) for Teaching Cases

## FORMATING GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS, FULL PAPERS, POSTERS, AND PRACTITIONER SESSIONS

Extended abstracts of 5 to 7 pages, written in English, should contain the following structure:

- Problem definition, context, and relevance of a paper. Provide references to key literature.
- Methodology
- Key findings
- Implications for policymakers, food and agribusiness managers, or the agribusiness profession.
- Conclusion
- References - A maximum of five literature references may be added at the end of the abstract text.
- Full papers and teaching cases” of up to 9,000 words – to report research that has been completed.

## SUBMISSION DEADLINES

- **21-February:** Notification decisions on early papers submitted for Costa Rica 2021
- **31-March:** Submission deadline for new proposals and full papers
- **Early May:** Notification of acceptance to present virtually during IFAMA 2021 conference

## SPECIAL ISSUES

The Scientific Committee will select the best papers presented at the conference and consider them for publication in Special Issues of leading international academic journals such as the [International Food and Agribusiness Review](#), [Journal of Agricultural Economics](#), [Technological Forecasting and Social Change](#), [Journal on Food System Dynamics \(IJFSD\)](#), and a *Handbook*, a collection of selected papers published by Routledge. All papers will follow the respective guidelines for the selected journal. If you are interested in publishing, do not miss the opportunity to submit a full paper by **31-March**. *Note: the Special Issue for the Technological Forecasting and Social Change will only contain papers relevant to Track 3.*

\*\*The acceptance and invitation to present your research paper during the IFAMA 2021 Symposium does not guarantee acceptance of the paper for publication in a Special Issue. While most papers presented at the conference are not ready for publication, many provide a good starting point and require additional work before they are publishable. So, true to its nature, IFAMA selects several papers for possible development into Special Issues, based on their potential. The Special Issue Editors will then work together with experienced reviewers, to help the invited authors further develop their paper to a publishable standard.

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