

# **REPORT ON 2022 ICoMST**

## **Summary of the 68th International Congress of Meat Science and Technology**

**Kobe, Japan**

**August 22nd-25th, 2022**

The 68th International Congress of Meat Science and Technology was held from 22nd to 25th of August 2022 in Kobe, Japan. The event was initially intended to be attended in person, but due to the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic, it was held online. The theme of the Congress for this year was “Meat for the Future”.

The following topics were the main focus of the Congress:

- Meat Market of the World
- Meat Industry & Science in Japan
- Meat Microbiology & Safety
- Muscle Biology & Meat Biochemistry
- Meat Products and Technology
- Meat Production & Quality of Meat
- Topics of Meat Science & Technology

ICoMST started on Sunday, August 21, when the exhibitions and e-posters were made available for viewing. The official opening ceremony and inaugural session, "Meat Production in Asia and the World," were held on August 22nd. There was a total of 7 sessions, each of which included keynotes, poster viewings, and oral presentations on a certain theme. Throughout the Congress, ten poster presentation sessions with around 205 posters in total served as an additional means of exchanging knowledge. All the uploaded e-posters were available for viewing during the ICoMST 2022 (Aug 22-25). There was a chat window set up on the poster upload screen where attendees could contact the authors via text chat. Several virtual exhibitions were available in the web during the ICoMST for the attendees by the exhibitors and an online presentation was also held on Wednesday, August 24 for the exhibition by National Federation of Agricultural Cooperative Associations (ZEN-NOH), Japan.

One of the most fascinating aspects of the congress where attendees could learn about Japanese culture was the virtual excursion tour. The program also covered sightseeing in Kyoto's Arashiyama and Sagano districts and an introduction to Tajima Cattle, the source of Kobe beef. Even though the event was planned virtually, the excursion gave the attendees a sense of being in person.

ICoMST has developed into one of the largest and most prestigious conferences for professionals in the field of meat technology, including researchers, practitioners, businesspeople, and lawmakers, and I am thrilled to have the chance to attend this congress. The gathering aimed to enhance scientific cooperation and communication between academic and industrial experts

engaged in the study of meat. This congress featured presentations of the latest recent results in various scientific fields. The sessions at this symposium included a range of exciting and significant subjects for meat researchers.

My heartiest gratitude towards Canadian Meat Council (CMC) and Canadian Meat Science Association (CMSA) for granting me the ICoMST travel award 2022. I also want to express my gratitude to the organizing and scientific committees of the 68th International Congress of Meat Science and Technology for putting on such an interesting, educational, and enjoyable event. This congress gave me the chance to expand and advance my expertise as I continue my studies with meat. Learning and discussing the work from different individuals from the meat industry and the research sector from around the world was a delightful experience. Moreover, my mentor and advisor, Dr. Argenis Rodas-Gonzalez, has always supported and guided me toward success, and I want to take this opportunity to convey my profound thanks to him.

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