

IFTC 2026 - Call for papers

We are delighted to invite you to the 3rd International Feed Technology Congress (IFTC 2026) which will take place during VICTAM International, in Utrecht, the Netherlands, 2-4 June 2026. After the success of the first and second Congress (Cologne, 2019; Utrecht 2022), the Wageningen University and VICTAM Foundation will host the 3rd International Feed Technology Congress (IFTC) directed towards evolvments in animal feed processing. The Congress will bring together again researchers and nutritionists from the animal feed industry, the universities and research institutes to have an open discussion about the themes and to exchange knowledge and expertise on these topics. The Congress also serves the cooperation between research and industry to create collaborations and innovative projects. On behalf of the Scientific Committee, we would like to invite students, professors, researchers and professionals from the industry to participate in the 3rd IFTC. This Congress will include thematic sessions with keynote speakers as well as oral and poster presentations. All abstracts will be brought together in a 'Book of Abstracts' with room for detailed experimental information.

Theme of the 3rd IFTC

The theme of the 3rd IFTC is: '**Animal Feed Technology: Science meets Industry**' For this IFTC 2026, researchers are invited to send in their papers on (new) processes, effects of processes, both chemical and physical as well as results of research with respect to premixtures and feed additives. But our idea is also to highlight possible differences between industry and science in the insight of processing and their effects. So, we are interested in the challenges that the feed industry has, given the knowledge that is coming from research institutes and universities. There will be four keynote presentations with speakers from USA, The Netherlands and Serbia on animal feed processing. A first day we will have presentations from university speakers whereas the second day we have invited two speakers which will cover more practical information from the industry. Other short oral and poster presentations will complete the 2026 program. For them, we will organize short presentations (20 min. each) and/or contributions for a poster pitch (10 min. each).

Workshop

A very special session will take place at 3 June 2026 in the afternoon. We will organize a unique Workshop about 'Key concerns and priorities in technological research' that is open for participants who registered for the congress. We don't know yet what this might bring as detailed subjects. It may concern simple differences between practice and theory but may also include future raw materials for animal feed, the gap between the nutritionist and the process operator or aspects of sensor technology or artificial intelligence (AI). During the Workshop, we like to have a more or less scientific discussion but always – very important – interactive with the industry. We give you a warm welcome to this discussion. If possible, like the results of the former Workshop (Cologne, 2019), we would like to publish the findings of this interesting Workshop in a scientific journal.

Call for Papers

Researchers are kindly invited to submit their paper abstract before March 31, 2026, to the following address: Thomas.vanderpoel@wur.nl. The Abstract should include a title, name of author(s) and affiliation(s) and may cover two to four pages. Your abstract will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee on suitability to the themes of the Congress and scientific quality. A final version should be available at 15 May 2026.

Book of Abstracts

The abstract, once accepted by the Scientific Committee, will appear in the Book of Abstracts that will be handed over to the attendants at the beginning of the Congress. We will not try to have the abstracts being published in a scientific journal as we did after the former IFTC; the decision to publish the research in a scientific journal is up to the authors themselves. Website All necessary information can be found on our IFTC website: <https://www.iftc.online/>

Keydates

October 2025 Call for Papers

31 March 2026 Deadline for submissions of Abstracts

15 April 2026 Notification of final abstract acceptance by the Scientific Committee

15 May 2026 Final program IFTC 2026

02 June 2026 Start of the congress, Utrecht, the Netherlands; Book of Abstracts

Registration

To register as a visitor at VICTAM International 2026, keep an eye on the VICTAM International website for the opening of visitor registration. Sharing this information Please share this information with your colleagues and contacts as well as with any person who might be interested in attending the 2026 IFT Congress and Workshop. We are looking forward to welcome you in Utrecht.

On behalf of the Wageningen University and the Victam Foundation,
Thomas van der Poel

Scientific Committee

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