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MEAT-TECH 2021, ready to return with the in-presence exhibition of technologies for the world of meats, cold cuts, ready meals and more

To be held October 22nd to 26th at Fiera Milano, Rho - Italy

Cold cuts, meat, ready meals, seafood, dairy and new trends of plant-based products, all together in a technological ecosystem with the excellence for processing, packaging and ingredients.

This is MEAT-TECH, **to be held in Milan from 22nd to 26th October 2021 (entrance WEST, Hall 15)** in co-location with two classics dedicated to gastronomic excellence, retail and hospitality: TUTTOFOOD and HOST Milano. A single ticket for the best of the proposals of different supply chains, united in an extraordinary event to offer a complete overview of complementary sectors despite their own peculiarities.

MEAT-TECH, for this special edition, is an essential part of what can be defined for all intents and purposes the **kilometer of innovation**, where visitors will find transversal answers to their needs in terms of products, technology and solutions.

Transversal nature is also the character of the content offer of MEAT-TECH 2021. Within the **"Innovative Food Talks"** program, the focus will be on Veggie Dairy, Veggy Ready Meals and Italian Veggie Patty, with three events scheduled for Saturday 23rd, Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th October, organized in collaboration with **Hi-Food**, a company specializing in plant-based additives and ingredients.

"Safety and quality of additive-free foods: technologies, ingredients, shelf life and packaging" is the title of a technical-scientific reflection dedicated to process and product engineering for additive-free foods organized by **OM - Informare** and hosted by MEAT-TECH on October 25th.

On the same day, **"From Eco-Design to the most innovative solutions for smart packaging for the food industry"** will be the workshop organized by **Tecnoalimenti**, which will take stock of the many phases related to smart packaging: from the design of sustainable packaging, to the evaluation of the environmental impact of packaging up to the economic and media valorization of virtuous packaging, investigating the state of the art of more sustainable materials, such as PHA.

The themes of sustainable packaging, moreover, will be the fil-rouge of **Packaging Speaks Green**, the event organized by **Packmedia** that will see the second edition on Saturday, October 23rd during MEAT-TECH 2021; the fresh food sector has been engaged for years in a research that invests every component of the supply chain: from processing to packaging, to packaging materials with increasingly efficient solutions from the ecological, economic and productive point of view. An undisputed record that confirms the leadership of Italian producers at international level.



ASSICA – Association of Meat and Cured Meat Industries - partner of MEAT-TECH since its first edition, organizes on the opening day the workshop **"The new provisions on official food controls and related implementing decrees"** which aims to ensure an harmonizing approach in the field of official controls specific to food and feed.

On October 26th MEAT-TECH will host, both in presence and via streaming, the event on the road to **Intralogistica Italia** on **"The cold chain in intralogistics for the food industry"** and the workshop organized by **ASSOFOODTEC "MOCA Vademecum for food machinery: the example of the slicers and mincers sector"** to deepen one of the most important issue for the food manufacturers.

In addition to the events that will kick off interesting reflections on the key contents of MEAT-TECH, the fair will be enriched by the special area "Innovative Food Experience", organized in collaboration with Hi-Food and entirely dedicated to the production of plant-based foods: a space where visitors and exhibitors can taste some prototypes, learn about innovative natural ingredients, discover processing solutions for foods with plant-based formulations.

The content of the show will also be enriched, for the first time, by "The sustainable factory by Meat-Tech", a special area with live production and packaging demos. The sustainable factory of Meat-Tech will present to all professionals visiting the fair two daily events on two lines with highly technological and innovative value: the first line, fully automatic from loading to palletizing for the production and packaging of hamburgers, uses packaging made of recyclable material, and the second one, dedicated to the processing and packaging of wedges, ideal for products such as mortadella and hard cheeses, will see at work machines suitable for the use of mono-material fully recyclable film. The sustainable facotry of Meat-Tech is a project realized in collaboration with DOMINO, FT SYSTEM, GELMINI, HAFLIGER, ILPRA, STOMMPY, TREVIL and VERIPACK.

MEAT-TECH's exhibition offer is once again a protagonist with more than 80 excellent companies in the sector and an approach based on strategic collaboration with the reference industry associations that have supported MEAT-TECH since its first edition in Milan: ASSICA (Association of Meat and Cured Meat Industries), ANIMA ASSOFOODTEC (Italian Association of Manufacturers of Machinery, Plants and Equipment for Food Production, Processing and Preservation) and UCIMA (Italian Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Association).

A winning system approach, confirmed by the **participation of over 90 highly profiled foreign buyers** from Albania, Bosnia, Croatia, Egypt, Hungary, Israel, Lebanon, Macedonia, Montenegro, Morocco, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey, who, thanks to the collaboration and support of ITA - Italian Trade Agency, will visit MEAT-TECH next October. Buyers and exhibitors will have access to **the digital tool MYIpackima**, the new online platform open 365 days a year that facilitates the meeting between supply and demand in the sector before, during and after the exhibition.



See you at MEAT-TECH from 22nd to 26th October 2021, with a return in presence that in the halls of Fiera Milano is a consolidated reality thanks to the strict safety protocols, guaranteed by a hub that hosts every year 4.5 million visitors, 36,000 companies from around the world, 80 exhibitions and 160 conferences.

All MEAT-TECH exhibitors, events and conferences are online at Expoplaza, the event catalog (<u>https://expoplaza-meattech.fieramilano.it/en?_locale=it</u>)

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MEAT-TECH is the fair of innovative technologies and materials for processing, transformation and packaging of meat, derivatives and ready meals. An exhibition offer that is completed with spices, aromas and ingredients for the food industry. The numbers of the 2018 edition: 180+ exhibitors, 14,363 visitors and a visitor satisfaction equal to 7.3 points out of a maximum of 9.