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**German Federation of  
Food Science and Technology**

**Germany's Adhering Body to IUFoST**





**German Federation of  
Food Science and Technology (GeFFoST)  
(Deutsche Vereinigung für Lebensmittelwissen-  
schaften und -technologie)**

GeFFoST is the German adhering body for the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST).

The federation is formed by professional scientific societies active in the field of Food Science and Technology and co-opted representatives of Universities, Research Centres and Government Agencies.

GeFFoST is hosted by the Association of German Food Technologists GDL e.V.

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The German Nutrition Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Ernährung e.V./ DGE), established in 1953, has since been engaged in topics on nutrition and nutritional research. From the onset, the DGE has been a non-profit organization committed to scientific facts. The DGE is an official incorporated society and is not influenced by economic or political interests.

The aims and main functions are:

**Nutrition Science:** Supporting research on nutritional science, ascertaining topics for nutritional research as well as compiling and evaluating research results on nutrition science and related disciplines, announcing research results on nutrition science and related disciplines by publications and events.

**Nutrition Counselling and Education:** Coordinating scientifically proven and independent nutrition counselling and education, Quality assurance of nutrition counselling and education.



## **German Society for Hygiene and Microbiology (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Hygiene und Mikrobiologie e.V., DGHM)**

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The DGHM was founded in 1906 originally as "Free Union for Microbiology". It was intended to provide a scientific platform for the revolutionary discoveries by Robert Koch and his scholars in exploring the field of the infectious diseases. Today, the DGHM is one of the oldest scientific societies in the areas of identification, treatment and prevention of infectious diseases with approx. 1900 members. The members are organized in different Scientific Working Groups (FG), Standing committees (St AG) and Commissions (KOM). Here experts discuss current research topics, establish and promote recommendations, and develop new scientific directions. Main topics of the Scientific Working Groups (FG) of the DGHM are: Infection and Immunity, Food Microbiology and Hygiene, Gastrointestinal Infections, Eukaryotic Pathogens, Microbial Systematics, Population Genetics and Infection Epidemiology, Probiota, Microbiota and Host.

Standing Committees (St AG) working on long term basis in relevant subjects such as Clinical Microbiology, National Reference Centres (NRZ), General and Hospital Hygiene and Applied Diagnostic Methods. The Commission of Continuing Education and the Commission for Safety of Quality support the executive board in all interests at these subjects.

The Standing Committee (St AG) "Mikrobiologische Richt- und Warnwerte für Lebensmittel" focuses on establishing microbiological guidelines for foodstuff with particular attention to consumer health protection. These guidelines are supposed to provide food control authorities, producers as well as trade with an objective basis for the assessment of the microbiological / hygienic status of foodstuff.

### **Activities:**

- Annual conferences and Joint conferences with the Association for General and Applied Microbiology (VAAM) every 3 years with more than 2000 delegates.
- Awards: every year the DGHM Foundation presents awards to outstanding scientists, working in the field of basic, medical microbiology and hygiene.
- Scientific Working Group Meetings
- Continuing training courses in hospital hygiene ([www.dghm.de](http://www.dghm.de))
- MIQ: Publication of Quality Standards for the Microbiological Diagnosis of Infectious Diseases.



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The German Veterinary Medical Society (GVMS) was founded in 1951. Within a relatively short period of time, the GVMS developed into a highly respected, influential and effective scientific association which incorporates all fields of veterinary science. The aims of the GVMS are:

- Promotion of science, research, and education
- Promotion of trainees
- Platform for science through congresses and meetings
- Education in all fields of the veterinary medical profession
- Neutral information centre for the public, media, and politics

The GVMS includes 36 specialty committees united in five working groups. The specialty committees are involved in the organization of conferences, symposia, seminars and workshops, which are often carried out in cooperation with other scientific and research organizations in Germany and abroad.

Due to the acknowledged expertise of its members from all areas of veterinary medical research, the GVMS is able to react to current problems in veterinary medicine, animal husbandry and consumer protection with expert knowledge and is available to the public for educated advice or opinions. The GVMS collaborates with governmental departments, the national veterinary board and its academy for veterinary continuing education, the German Research Association (DFG) and other organizations that promote research. This shows the breadth of the activities of the GVMS and its close connection with related disciplines such as comparative medicine, genetics, biology, animal protection and animal behavior, environment, agricultural sciences and animal husbandry.

The GVMS awards various prizes and administers four foundations.



**Society of Food Chemistry (LChG)  
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The Society of Food Chemistry, founded in 1947, presently has approx. 2,950 members and is the greatest division of the German Chemical Society. Food chemists of governmental services, food industry, independent private laboratories and of other fields commonly co-operate in all aspects of food chemistry.

**The Society of Food Chemistry intends**

- to offer scientific exchange and professional stimulation among food experts
- to promote advanced training by regional, national and international conferences as well as by courses and seminars
- to deal in different working groups with actual scientific, technological, legal and professional questions
- to cultivate contacts to related national and international societies, committees and associations
- to promote the scientific juniors of food chemistry and
- to award excellence of colleagues in the field of food chemistry

**Actual topics of activity**

- quality assurance and accreditation of laboratories
- hearing of experts by state and federal authorities
- privatisation in the field of governmental food control
- consumer information by the press and other media
- promotion of education and students
- contribution to European bodies, e.g., Food Law Enforcement Practitioners (FLEP), Food Chemistry Division of European Association of Chemical and Molecular Sciences (EuCheMS) and European Committee of standardization (CEN)



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The “Gesellschaft Deutscher Lebensmitteltechnolog e.V. (GDL)” is the scientific and technological society of the German Food Technologists.

The aims of the society are to represent and promote the interests of Food Science and Technology on the national and on the international level. The GDL operates on a non-profit basis. In order to obtain the mentioned aims the GDL

- supports educational measures in the field of Food Science and Technology on basic and advanced levels
- promotes the co-operation with other organisations and societies in the field of Food Science and Technology
- promotes the connection between food research institutions and the food industry
- supports the professional interests of its members.



**Society for Mycotoxin Research**  
**(Gesellschaft für Mykotoxinforschung e.V.)**

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The Society for Mycotoxin Research (Gesellschaft für Mykotoxinforschung e.V.) was founded in Munich in 1997. The aim of this registered, non-profit association is to promote research on all scientific fields of mycotoxinology including:

- Mycotoxins and Human Health
- Mycotoxins and Animal Health
- Mycotoxins and Food Safety
- Mycotoxins and Feed Safety
- Toxicogenic Fungi and Production of Mycotoxins
- Toxicology of Mycotoxins
- Occurrence and Analyses of Mycotoxins

One of our core ideas was to create bridges between the different scientific disciplines working on the field of toxigenic fungi and mycotoxins.





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ProcessNet is the German platform for chemical engineering with more than 5,000 members. Experts from the sciences, industry and administration exchange ideas and experience, discuss current topics and identify new scientific trends. ProcessNet is a joint initiative of DECHEMA - Society for Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology e.V. and VDI-GVC - The Association of German Engineers - Society for Chemical and Process Engineering e.V..

ProcessNet organises numerous events targeting the interdisciplinary and cross-sectorial exchange of information. The most prominent conference is the ProcessNet Annual Meeting attracting more than 1,000 participants. The wide variety of thematically structured committees deal with scientific and technical problems and issues of paramount technological and societal relevance, they also trigger funding policy initiatives. To date almost 100 working parties and sections have joined forces to form eight sections:

- Chemical Reaction Engineering
- Fluid Dynamics and Separation
- Sustainable Production, Energy and Resources
- Particle Technology and Product Design
- Process-, Apparatus- and Plant Technology
- Plant and Process Safety
- Materials, Construction, Lifetime
- Education and Innovation
- German Catalysis Society

ProcessNet is the national contact point for international co-operations. Participation in ProcessNet is open to all members of DECHEMA and/or VDI-GVC.

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The German Agricultural Society (DLG), based in Frankfurt, Germany, successfully bridges the gap between agricultural and food theory and practice. With over 27,000 German and international members, this growing organisation is fully independent, specialising in agricultural and food know-how, exhibitions, publishing and certified agricultural machinery quality and food testing. Serving the European and world interests at large, the society is one of the leading food and agricultural organisations in Europe.

Since 1885, DLG has accumulated a wealth of agricultural as well as food experience. Founded by Max Eyth, an international forerunner in industrial machines and agricultural issues, DLG's mandate is to promote technical and scientific progress in the food and agricultural sector. With its international activities and initiatives the DLG sets standards and provides impetus for progress.

Each year DLG tests over 30,000 food and beverage products resulting in the coveted DLG award - an important quality recognition for international producers distributing products in Germany. In addition, DLG houses one of the most important test centres in Europe for agricultural machinery conducting over 1.100 tests annually.

An extensive publishing house regularly issues information, books and magazines in the food and agriculture area.

The international arm of the organisation has been growing as global players realise the importance of being part of an organisation that serves the independent interest of its members not just in Europe but all around the world. DLG engages in knowledge-sharing world-wide with leading international practitioners and other specialist organisations.



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The Research Association of the German Food Industry (FEI) is a non-profit, registered association supporting research projects in all fields of food science, food technology and nutritional science. Up today the FEI is the sole research association spanning almost all branches and disciplines of the food and drink industry in Germany.

The FEI connects economy and science: It coordinates yearly about 100 cooperative research projects, organises scientific conferences and publishes different media for experts. 60 enterprises, 56 industrial branch associations and 120 research institutes are organised within the FEI as direct members. Via committees of company representatives – which accompany all projects and guarantee the industrial relevance of the projects – an average of more than 700 companies are regularly involved in the network of the FEI.

The financing is provided by private funding (enterprises and industrial associations) and public funding (Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy).