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## International FoodTec Award 2027: Register now!

Leading innovation award in international food technology – Competition with nine technology areas – International expert jury – Registration deadline: 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 – Information at: <https://www.dlg.org/en/food/awards/foodtec-award>

DLG (German Agricultural Society) has announced the International FoodTec Award for the 13th time, opening the competition for this prestigious innovation prize in international food technology. Companies in the food and beverage industry and their suppliers can submit groundbreaking new developments or well-known technologies that have undergone significant advancements. An international jury of experts will select the winners in the Gold and Silver categories. The high-profile awards ceremony will take place during Anuga FoodTec 2027, the international supplier trade fair for the food and beverage industry, in Cologne. Registration is open until 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, at <https://www.dlg.org/en/food/awards/foodtec-award>.

With the International FoodTec Award, DLG and its partners recognize outstanding technological innovations and pioneering developments in food technology – particularly in the areas of sustainability and process efficiency. These innovations and developments are also intended to contribute to improving quality and safety in food technology and support sustainable global food security.

### Key Topics

Submissions permitted include innovations in the fields of process technology, filling and packaging technology, packaging materials and packaging, automation, robotics, and measurement and control technology. Advanced solutions in intralogistics, food safety and analytics, refrigeration and air conditioning technology, and environmental technology are also allowed. Especially developments surrounding the processing of alternative proteins, innovations in biotechnology and technological additives or ingredients are particularly addressed.

These and numerous other topics are currently affecting the entire global food processing and supply industry. With superior engineering skills, creative ideas, and entrepreneurial vision, practical technological solutions are emerging from current challenges, which are recognized with the International FoodTec Award.

### **International FoodTec Award 2027**

The International FoodTec Award 2027 will be awarded in the form of gold and silver medals. A gold medal recognizes products with a new concept whose function has been significantly changed and whose use enables a new process or significantly improves an existing process. Silver medals go to existing products that have been further developed to achieve a significant improvement in function or process.

### **International Expert Jury**

The award winners are selected by an international jury chaired by Prof. Dr. Katharina Riehn of HAW - Hamburg University of Applied Sciences. The jury includes 19 renowned experts from various disciplines and nine countries:

- **Jennifer Beuth**, Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics IML, Dortmund (Germany)
- **Prof. Dr. Peter Burggräf**, Siegen University, Siegen (Germany)
- **Prof. Dr. Antonella Cavazza**, Parma University, Parma (Italy)
- **Prof. Dr. Michael Gänzle**, University of Alberta, Edmonton (Canada)
- **Prof. Dr. Gi Eun Kim**, Seokyeong University (South Korea)
- **Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Monika Gibis**, Hohenheim University, Stuttgart-Hohenheim (Germany)
- **Prof. Dr. Britta Hübner-Keese**, Hannover University, Hannover, Hannover (Germany)
- **Prof. Dr. Tilo Hühn**, ZHAW University of Applied Sciences, Wädenswil (Switzerland)
- **Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Ramona Hülsmann**, Hochschule Wismar, University of Applied Sciences, Technology, Business and Design, Wismar (Germany)
- **Prof. Dr. Henry Jäger**, BOKU University, Wien (Austria)
- **Prof. Dr. Judith Kreyenschmidt**, Hochschule Geisenheim University, Geisenheim (Germany)
- **Prof. Dr. Tone Lerher**, University of Maribor, Celje (Slovenia)
- **Prof. Dr. Helga Medić**, University of Zagreb (Sveučilište u Zagrebu) (Croatia)
- **Prof. Dr. Oliver Niggemann**, Helmut-Schmidt University, Hamburg (Germany)
- **Prof. Dr. Olga Martin-Belloso**, University of Leida, Leida (Spain)
- **Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Cornelia Rauh**, TU University Berlin, Berlin (Germany)
- **Prof. Dr. Katharina Riehn (Chair person)**, HAW, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, Hamburg (Germany)

- **Prof. Dr. med. vet. Matthias Upmann**, THOWL, University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Lemgo (Germany)
- **Prof. Dr. Markus Schmid**, Albstadt-Sigmaringen University, Albstadt-Sigmaringen (Germany)

## Partners

The International FoodTec Award is presented by the German Agricultural Society (DLG) in co-operation with Anuga FoodTec (Koelnmesse) and renowned media partners. These include the trade journal "Lebensmitteltechnik" (Food Technology) (LT Food Medien-Verlag), the magazines "Getränkeindustrie" and "Brewing and Beverage Industry International" (W. Sachon Verlag), the "dmz – Deutsche Molkereizeitung" (AVA-Verlag), the trade publication "dei – Prozesstechnik für die Lebensmittelindustrie" (Konradin Media Group), the titles published by B2B Swiss Medien AG: Food Industry, Packaging Industry and Food Innovation and "DLG-Lebensmittel" (DLG Food), published by DLG-Verlag.

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## DLG. Progress and Sustainability in Agriculture and Food Industry

DLG (German Agricultural Society), founded in 1885 by Max Eyth, stands for productivity and resource conservation in a sustainable and innovation-friendly agricultural and food value chain. DLG's goal is to promote progress through knowledge, quality, and technology transfer. DLG has more than 31,000 members; it is a non-profit organization, politically independent, and internationally networked. As one of the leading organizations in its industry, DLG organizes trade fairs and events in the fields of agriculture and food technology and tests food, agricultural technology, and farm inputs. With its Competence Center Agriculture & Food and the media of the DLG publishing houses, the DLG stands for independent know-how transfer. Furthermore, DLG develops solutions to the challenges facing the agriculture, agricultural, and food industries in numerous national and international expert committees.

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