

FOODTROPOLIS – Will Cities Shape our Perception of Food and Nature?

Press release

Canada supports the Global Food Summit 2019 in Munich, Germany

Berlin/Munich, 15.02.2019: Stephan Becker-Sonnenschein, Head and Founder of the Global Food Summit 2019 in Munich, explains:

The Embassy of Canada is this year's partner of the Global Food Summit 2019 in Munich, Germany. The scientific conference on innovations in the food sector will be held on 20 and 21 March 2019 in the Munich Residenz. The supporting board of trustees of the Global Food Summit is made up of top-class experts from the University of California, Berkeley, Wageningen University, the National Academy of Science and Engineering (acatech), the Technical University of Munich (TUM), and the Bavarian government, represented by the Competence Center for Nutrition (KErn).

Stéphane Dion, the Ambassador of Canada in Germany, explains: "The Global Food Summit's mission is very much in line with Canada's priorities: To advance the development of sustainable nutrition with the help of new approaches and technologies, for the benefit of all Canadians, as well as for the benefit of the world population as a whole. In addition, we are proud to be associated with other cities, internationally renowned research institutions, and companies. Canada is on its way to becoming even more international. The Global Food Summit is a perfect fit for this."

Canada will be represented in Munich by an eight-member delegation of scientists, representatives of the City of Guelph and three start-ups.

"The Global Food Summit sees itself as a dialogue platform for science, companies, associations, and politicians to discuss the global challenges we face, as formulated in the SDG 2030, and to present innovative solutions and techniques at our congress. In short: We want to give the future of food and research a voice. That is why we are really pleased that the Embassy of Canada is supporting the Global Food Summit in Munich on 20 and 21 March 2019, and is also coming with a large delegation and embassy staff from Berlin," says Stephan Becker-Sonnenschein, founder of the Global Food Summit. "Guelph, for example, is presenting such an innovative and sustainable concept in Munich, and the city has developed a unique concept for the first "Circular Food Economy" worldwide.

The Canadian City of Guelph and adjoining County of Wellington, located in the province of Ontario along Canada's Innovation Corridor, are working with community partners to reimagine the current food system. They have developed a bold vision with ambitious targets to increase access to affordable nutritious food by 50%, create 50 new opportunities for circular business and collaborations, and increase circular economic revenue by 50%. In turn, the 50x50x50 by 2025 goals present an exciting opportunity to develop Canada's first circular food economy. Guelph-Wellington is one of ten finalists vying for \$10M in additional funding in Infrastructure Canada's Smart Cities Challenge.

The Guelph-Wellington area has a rich history in agriculture and is known nationally and internationally as an established technology sector hub and innovator in the agri-food arena. It is one of four cities worldwide studied for its unique contribution to the circular economy approach in a global report recently released by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation.

Canada is a science nation and has very innovative and well-equipped universities in all provinces, ranking high in international rankings. Stéphane Dion, the Ambassador of Canada, emphasizes this as well: "In an OECD comparison, Canada has the highest proportion of university and college graduates. This combination of vast nature and innovative research is an ideal mixture, in particular for the concerns of the Global Food Summit."

The Embassy of Canada in Germany will offer Canadian specialties and tasting of Canadian wine at the evening dinner of the Global Food Summit 2019. The dinner will be opened by Michaela Kaniber, Bavarian Minister of State for Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

Global Food Summit – Der Zukunft der Lebensmittel eine Stimme geben

In wachsenden Metropolregionen erwartet die Gesellschaft gesund älter werden zu können und fordert, entlang der Lebensmittelkette die Nachhaltigkeitsziele 2030 zu berücksichtigen. Mit neuen Methoden und Technologien können diese Ziele erreicht werden, aber sie verändern dramatisch, was und wie wir essen.

Der Global Food Summit bringt jährlich Experten aus Wissenschaft, Unternehmen, Verbände, Politik und Medien zusammen um zu diskutieren, wie neue Technologien die Lebenskette verändern werden. Eine Zusammenarbeit von University of California, Berkeley, Universität Wageningen, Staatsregierung Bayern und Global Food Summit.

20. Und 21. März 2019, München, Residenz, „Foodtropolis – Verändern Städte die Wahrnehmung von Essen und Natur?“

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