

Leniger Prize 2016 – Winners attend the World Congress of Food Science and Technology in Dublin

Anja Schröder and Frank van der Veer both won the 2016 Leniger Prize and were rewarded with the opportunity to attend the IUFoST - World Congress of Food Science and Technology 2016 in Dublin. Below a brief report of their experiences.

Last year we (Anja Schröder & Frank van der Veer) were selected by the couple Bruin-Kühn, the founders of the Leniger Bruin Kühn Fund, to present our MSc thesis as a poster on the IUFoST - World Congress of Food Science and Technology. On Sunday the 21st of August the congress finally started! We travelled to Dublin for the conference which started for us with the welcome reception. Here we could meet and network with many scientists from all over the world. From Monday till Thursday the scientific program took place, consisting of 80 (parallel) plenary sessions, in which over 250 scientific, industry and policy experts shared new findings. There was a great and interesting variety of food industry topics, from fundamental to very innovative research. In addition to the talks, poster sessions were held each day. On Tuesday it was our turn to present posters based on the content of our MSc thesis. Many people were enthusiastic and interested in our work. During the poster session, Prof. Solke Bruin initiated a lot of interesting discussions with several well-known contributors to the conference at our posters. The social program of the conference was also well organized. We learned a lot during the IUFoST science quiz and had a great time at the Gala dinner. We really appreciate that we, as young scientists, got the opportunity and experience to share the results from our MSc thesis with such an international and expert audience. Overall, we learned a lot from discussions with food scientist from all over the world. To conclude we would like to thank Mrs. Bruin-Kühn and Mr. Bruin for the great opportunity to attend the IUFoST in Dublin!