

III. FORUM ON DAIRY INNOVATION



CÓRDOBA, SPAIN
NOVEMBER 13-14, 2026

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

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A meeting point for knowledge driving the transformation of the sector.

 09.00 - 17.30

 PLANTA PRINCIPAL
CEFC - CÓRDOBA



**2 DAY
PROGRAMME**



**+10
INTERNATIONAL
SPEAKERS**



**7
COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED**



**SCIENCE
HEALTH
INNOVATION
TECHNOLOGY**

CHEESE, A DRIVER OF INNOVATION

Innovation is the driving force behind the evolution of the dairy and cheese sector. In a context shaped by the transformation of food systems, sustainability, digitalisation, health, and changing consumer demands, shared knowledge has become the key resource for building a more competitive, resilient, and value-driven future.

With this vision, the 3rd Dairy and Cheese Innovation Forum brings together those who are shaping the present and designing the future of the sector. Researchers, businesses, producers, technologists, public authorities, professional organisations, and national and international experts come together in a collaborative environment where science, innovation, and practical expertise converge to address the major challenges facing the dairy and cheese value chain.

Held as part of the Andalucía Gusto del Sur International Cheese Festival, the Forum goes beyond the traditional concept of a scientific conference to become a meeting point between knowledge and its real-world application. Its purpose is to foster technology transfer, strengthen collaboration among the different stakeholders within the innovation ecosystem, and promote solutions that enhance the competitiveness, sustainability, and differentiation of the dairy and cheese sector.



This year's edition is structured around four major thematic pillars—Challenges, Health, Livestock Production, and Processing—reflecting a comprehensive vision of today's dairy sector. From the strategic analysis of global challenges to innovations in animal production, advances in our understanding of the health effects of dairy products, and the technologies transforming cheese and dairy processing, the Forum provides a multidisciplinary perspective aimed at identifying opportunities and creating meaningful impact.

More than a programme of conferences, the Forum serves as a platform for the exchange of ideas, the creation of strategic partnerships, and the development of a community committed to excellence. Each session is designed to encourage cross-disciplinary dialogue, connect research with industry, and stimulate the development of projects that address the current and future needs of the dairy and cheese sector.

The Forum on Dairy Innovation aims to establish itself as a leading national and international reference in innovation applied to the dairy and cheese industry. Its mission is to position the sector as an example of how science, technology, tradition, and entrepreneurship can work together to address the food challenges of the 21st century.

Innovation is not only about developing new technologies; it is about gaining a deeper understanding of production systems, generating knowledge with practical value, strengthening collaboration across the entire value chain, and transforming that knowledge into social well-being, economic development, and higher-quality food for society.

The future of the dairy and cheese sector is built by sharing knowledge. And that future begins here.



FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 13th

09.00 WELCOME

09.15 SESSION 1
Challenges

12.00 SESSION 2
Health

15.30 SESSION 3
Livestock Production

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 14th

10.00 WELCOME

10.10 SESSION 4
Processes

16.00 SESSION 5
Genomics

1st SESSION: CHALLENGES

09.00 WELCOME

09.15 **CHEESE MICROBIOME**
Metagenomic analysis and its application
for sensory profile control

Raffaele Magliulo
TEAGASC

10.00 **WHEY VALORISATION**

Brian Petersen
ENDUPRO

10.35 **ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGICAL ALTERNATIVES** ^{ES}
Whey Valorisation Experiences in Small-Scale Cheese Dairies

Sandra Milena Vasquez
Colombia National University

10.35 **BEHAVIOR OF LACTIC ACID BACTERIA** ^{ES}
Application of mycotoxin-free *Penicillium roqueforti* strains
in blue cheese production.

Renato Chávez
Santiago de Chile University

2nd SESSION: HEALTH

12.00 DAIRY AND SPORTS^{ES}

Fernando Mata
European University

12.50 CHEESE CONSUMPTION^{ES}

Cheese consumption and its relationship with cardiometabolic health.
A new paradigm based on scientific evidence

Javier Fontecha
CIAL - CSIC

13.25 DAIRY PRODUCTS ON CLINICAL^{ES}
 PROCESSES

TBC

3rd SESSION: LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

15.30

POSTBIOTICS^{ES}

Postbiotics in the production of high-quality milk and prospects for the cheese sector

**Chajira Garrote Achou -
Jesús V. Díaz Cano**

PENTABIOL

16.15

PRECISION FEEDING AND RUMINAL MODULATION^{ES}

Strategies to reduce the carbon footprint without compromising the cheesemaking suitability of milk

TBC

16.50

ESNEVA^{ES}

A simple, universal methodology for dairy cattle
From udder health to cheese excellence

Manuel Freaza Rivas

ESNEVA Platform

4th SESSION: PROCESSES

10.00 **WELCOME**

10.10 **AI FOR THE DAIRY SECTOR**

Philippe Michel

INFOR

11.00 **QI 4.0 - QUEIJO SERPA DOP^{ES}**

Artificial Intelligence in artisanal production

Joao Dias

Beja Polytechnic Institute

11.35 **GO ARISTEO - Andalusian Cheeses 4.0^{ES}**

Francisco José Casares

Córdoba University

12.10 **FROM THE INFORMATION TO THE INNOVATION^{ES}**

Decades of IFAPA's commitment to the dairy sector

Ángel López

IFAPA

5th SESSION: GENOMICS: THE ESSENTIAL TOOL IN THE FUTURE DAIRY VALUE CHAIN

16.00 **GENETICS APPLIED TO CHEESE PRODUCTION:
INCREASINGLY WELL-UNDERSTOOD GENES.
THEIR INFLUENCE ON ORGANOLEPTIC QUALITY
AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CHEESEMAKING
PROCESS.**

Jose Ant3nio Jimenez

Historian, University of C3rdoba

16.20 **IMPORTANCE OF CERTIFICATION TO
GUARANTEE THE ORIGIN AND CONTINUITY
OF NATIVE BREEDS**

Olga Gonzalez Casquet

Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at the University of C3rdoba

16.40 **ANIMAL WELFARE ON DAIRY FARMS IN ANDALUSIA:
A CONDITION CONSUMERS CONSIDER FUNDAMENTAL**

Ant3nio Nieto Valenzuela

Deputy Director General for Livestock Production Inputs at the
Directorate General for Agricultural Production and Markets (MAPA)

17.00 **PANNEL DISCUSSION**

Producers join in to share their experience in applying these tools. Benefits of certification.
Discussion on "lost profits" for certified production.

Fabiola Navarro Moreno

Andalusian Frisona Association

17.30 **CONTEST AWARDS PRESENTATION:
HOW OUR CHILDREN SEE US**

Infographics, projects, and personal reflections from the children of livestock farmers—of any
nationality—submitted to oficina@faraland.es by September 30.