The food safety has emerged as global issue owing to its vital impact on human health & economy. Access to sufficient safe and healthy food is a basic requirement for every person on the globe. Ensuring food safety and security is among the leading global challenges and demand its immediate solutions. The risks of unsafe food are substantial as well as complex to quantify. Foodborne and waterborne diarrhea kill around two million people annually, particularly children in developing countries. The contaminants in foods like harmful parasites, bacteria, viruses, prions, chemical and/or radioactive substances cause more than 200 health problems varying from infectious diseases to several cancers. National Nutrition Survey of Pakistan indicates that 58% of households are food insecure and micronutrients deficiencies are most endemic. Nutritional status has not changed much over the past decade. Among under 5 year children, 43.7% are stunted, 15.1% are wasted and 31.5% are underweight. Widespread micronutrient deficiencies are prevalent in women. The survey limelights to micronutrient deficiencies in pregnant women particularly anaemia 51.0%, iron deficiency anaemia 37.0%, vitamin A deficiency 46.0%, zinc deficiency 47.6% and 68.9% vitamin D deficiency.

In this context, this event has been organized where a large number of national & international researchers, professors, scientists, scholars and industrialist are expected to participate. The objective of the conference is to establish dynamic linkages amongst different stakeholders regarding the present and future trends in safe and healthy food. We hope the conference will provide a platform to equip the knowledge about the importance of food safety, highlight the most recent issues, probe their innovative solutions and harmonize the tackling strategies by combining the galaxy of scientists, researchers and it stakeholders. Your presence and participation will be highly appreciated.
Faisalabad, the Manchester of Pakistan is one of the first planned and systemic cities in the subcontinent envisaged by the British Government after the name of Sir James Lyall. Lyallpur was the first name ascribed on this fertile land of Sandal Bar. The unique bond present between the sister countries, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia paved the way to rename the city over name of late King Faisal, King of Saudi Arabia. The city is catering to the needs of more than six million people. Agriculture and industry remains the hallmark of Faisalabad with a powerful and ever developing thrust in these sectors. It is the third largest and populous city in Pakistan.

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The university is offering PhD programs in 23 disciplines, MS/M.Phil. programs in 39 disciplines, master programs in 35 disciplines and undergraduate (BS) programs in 45 disciplines. More than, 700 faculty members are serving the university out of which 250 hold Ph.D degree in their respective fields. Additionally, Government College University has three sub-campuses and also provides affiliation to more than 120 public and private colleges. It is the third largest university of the country in terms of enrolled student, with total 39,449 students in various undergraduate and graduate disciplines in regular as well as in weekend & distance learning programs. Renowned scholars and eminent personalities have served this institution in several capacities at various stages of its history. It has produced outstanding personnel who have earned great fame not only for themselves but also for the nation.
INSTITUTE OF HOME & FOOD SCIENCES

The institute of Home & Food Sciences at Government College University Faisalabad, established in 2011, is among the best institutes in the country. The outstanding faculty, state-of-the-art building, laboratory facilities and friendly & dedicated staff members make the institute a pleasant place to study and conduct research. Currently, institute is offering BS in Food Science & Technology, Human Nutrition & Dietetics, Home economics and MS/Ph.D in Food Science & Technology, Food & Nutrition, MS in Human Nutrition & Dietetics, Food Safety & Quality Management and Textile & Clothing. The mission of department is to produce high caliber graduates in the field of Food Science, Nutrition & Home economics who will be well equipped through the training they receive, to support the economic development of Pakistan.

CONFERENCE THEMES

- Global scenario of safe & healthy foods
- Food safety
- Food fortification
- Food adulteration
- Modern analytical techniques in food safety
- Policies and regulations regarding safe & healthy food
- Contemporary nutrition
- Life cycle nutrition
- Therapeutic foods/nutrition
- Nutrition and safety of halal foods
- Open sessions related to safe & healthy food
ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

To submit a paper only by email, please send an abstract (maximum 350 words) as Microsoft Word document indicating title of the paper, first and last names, organization, address, country and email address and submit at safefoodconference@gcuf.edu.pk. An email confirming the receipt of the abstract will be sent to the presenting author. Please note that acceptance of abstracts will be conditional on registration paid in full prior to the conference. All papers presented at the Conference will be published in the form of proceedings (book and CD-ROM).

IMPORTANT DATES TO TAKE NOTE:

Abstract submission deadline: January 05, 2016
Selection/confirmations: January 15, 2016
Registration deadline: January 30, 2016

REGISTRATION FEE CATEGORY

Foreign participant: US $ 200.00
Foreign student: US $ 100.00
Local participant: Pak Rs. 1500.00
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Visa
Foreign participants should make their own arrangements for obtaining Pakistani Visa by contacting the Pakistani Embassy/Consulate in their home countries. If needed, the organizers will send official letter confirming their participation at the conference.

Weather
During February, slightly cold pleasant weather with day and night temperature between 20-25 °C and 10-15 °C, respectively is expected. There is normally no heavy rain during February.

Travel Information
Participants are required to make their own travel arrangements. Faisalabad is very well connected with other cities in the country by air, rail and road. Flights operate daily between Faisalabad and Karachi. Alternately, one may take international flight for Lahore or Islamabad that are at 2½ and 4½ hours drive, respectively. Many trains shuttle between Faisalabad and Lahore are also in travel choices.
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Safe and Healthy Food

**GOAL**

- Participants updated on first-hand knowledge about food safety
- Nutrition related knowledge exchanged, research and development ideas generated
- Professional networking and linkage between the research, academia and industry established/strengthened

**OUTCOMES**

- Halal food information
- Food safety and quality information
- Food adulteration awareness and control
- Public and Private sector engagement

- Promoting sustainable diet
- Practices improved nutrition
- Promote natural functional foods
- Enhance food fortification

**OUTPUTS**

- Create National Food Safety Forum Link with PSFST, GAIN, CABI, MI, PSFST, Barilla Centre and other organizations for Food and Nutrition.
- Trainings for Industry on safety, nutrition and adulteration Public Private Partnership
- Promotion of nutrition and safety of Halal foods. Academia and International research organizations to develop a mechanism
- Promote partnerships though linkages between a cademia, research and private sector Engage public sector

**ACTIVITIES**