

# WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

Members benefit from special advantages that are continually expanding:

- reduced fees for ISEKI Food-workshops, ISEKI Food-training courses
- reduced fees for accreditation of study programmes
- 25% discount on all books from Springer Publishing House
- free access to a virtual community with:
  - database of stakeholders to find partners worldwide
  - database of experts
  - database of food studies curricula
  - database of teaching materials
  - database of teaching facilities like pilot plant and laboratory equipment
  - forum to announce and search for possibilities for exchange of students and staff
  - forum to announce jobs
  - open and closed discussion forums
- active participation in various Teams and Special Interest Groups
- place to promote own institution/company and to advertise events worldwide
- use of networking opportunities like video conferences and web seminars
- information on funding resources, events, recent developments, etc. on a regular basis (through ISEKI eNEWS)



European Association for Integrating Food Science and Engineering  
Knowledge Into the Food Chain

## THE ISEKI - FOOD ASSOCIATION (IFA)

is an independent European non-profit organisation, established in 2005 by university professors, research institutes, companies and associations related to food as an outcome of 10 years of Thematic Network activities. Its members are individual persons or companies (legal entities) from all over the world.

## IFA is a platform for:



## ASSOCIATION STRUCTURE



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## IFA is organized into **TEAMS** and **SIGs** (Special Interest Groups)



### Currently there are IFA SIGs on:

- Food structure and physical properties
- Bionanotechnology
- Research & Education Projects

IFA TEAMS	RESOURCES and SERVICES	
<b>QUALITY ASSURANCE IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EQAS-Food Award: European Quality Assurance System for Food Study Programmes</li> <li>• database of curricula</li> </ul>	
<b>TRAINING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• e-learning platform, web seminars</li> <li>• database for sharing learning objects (pictures, diagrams, case studies, ...)</li> <li>• database of advanced pilot plant and laboratory equipment</li> <li>• books for teaching</li> <li>• workshops for PhD students</li> <li>• training workshops for teachers</li> <li>• short courses and e-learning courses for industry staff (SMEs)</li> <li>• webservices for secondary schools</li> </ul>	 
<b>SYNERGIES BETWEEN RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• database of stakeholders (experts, university institutions, companies)</li> <li>• portfolio for professional development <a href="http://www.foodcareers.eu">www.foodcareers.eu</a></li> <li>• student/staff exchange, industrial placement <a href="http://www.food4mobility.net">www.food4mobility.net</a></li> <li>• job market</li> <li>• support in coordination of EC - applications and joint research projects</li> <li>• IFA e-journal "International Journal of Food Studies" <a href="http://www.iseki-food-ejournal.com">www.iseki-food-ejournal.com</a></li> </ul>	 

## AIMS OF THE ASSOCIATION



- supporting a network between academia and food industry
- promoting the integration of science and engineering knowledge into the food chain
- tuning curricula and working towards the quality assurance of food studies
- developing teaching materials and teaching methods
- promoting synergies between research, education and industry
- development of a virtual community of experts for communicating with the general public
- establishing of a framework of agreements among partners, fostering the mobility of students and staff
- stimulating the development of joint projects

