

Events

9 July 2014

The Sugar Reduction Summit: Science, Policy and Public Health, The Royal Society, London, UK

www.thesugarreductionsummit.co.uk/

16–17 July

Global Food & Beverage Packaging Summit, Chicago, USA

www.fbpackaging.com/

16–18 July

FoodAfrica 2014, Nairobi, Kenya,

www.foodtradeafrica.com/

5–7 August

International FoodTec Brasil, Curitiba, Brazil

www.foodtecbrasil.com/en/iftb/home/index.php

17–22 August

60th International Congress of Meat Science & Technology, Punta del Este, Uruguay

www.icomst2014.org/

1–4 September

Food Micro 2014, Nantes, France

www.foodmicro2014.org

3–6 September

Food and the Internet, SIEF 20th International Ethnological Food Research Conference, University of Łódź, Poland

www.20foodconference.uni.lodz.pl/

9–10 September

The International Conference on Vertical Farming and Urban Agriculture, Nottingham, UK

<http://vfua.org/>

September 24

Ethics of Food Security in a Changing Society, London, UK

<<http://www.cumberlandlodge.ac.uk/Programme/Forthcoming+events/Ethics+of+Food+Security+in+a+Changing+Society>>

8–10 October

Conference on Life Cycle Assessment in the Agri-Food Sector Towards Sustainable Food Systems, San Francisco, USA

<http://lcafood2014.org/>

8–10 October

The Reformulation Series, Amsterdam, Netherlands

www.fi-reformulation.com

5–7 November

6th International AESOP Sustainable Food Planning Conference, Leeuwarden, Netherlands

www.findingspaces.nl/aesop6/

12 November

Supply Chain Summit, London, UK

www.igd.com/Our-Services/Conferences-and-Events/Supply-Chain-Summit-2014/

FOOD CHAIN

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