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2024 Conference: Call for Proposals for Scientific Topics and Talks

AOAC SEA and the Philippines Department of Science and Technology - Industrial Technology Development Institute (**DOST-ITDI**), warmly invite AOAC SEA members and interested individuals to submit proposals for scientific topics and talks at the 2024 AOAC SEA 3rd Annual Conference.

The conference will take place over 2 days in Manila, Philippines on 16-17 October, 2024. The conference theme is *"Bringing together government, industry, and academia to advance analytical excellence for food safety."*

We welcome proposals that align with the conference theme and are suitable for the audience in the Southeast Asia region. A list of general considerations to help you brainstorm is provided in the form below.

Submit your
proposals



The graphic features the AOAC International Southeast Asia Section logo on the left, which includes icons of a microscope, a flask, and an open book. To the right of the logo is a map of Southeast Asia. The main title is '2024 AOAC SEA Conference Student Awards Program'. A vertical timeline on the right side of the graphic lists the following events:

Date	Event
NOW	Application open
8 Jul	Application deadline
22 Jul	Evaluation of the shortlisted
19 Aug	Student Winners announcement
16-17 Oct	AOAC SEA 3rd Annual Conference
~Nov	Student Lab Tour

2024 AOAC SEA Student Awards

AOAC SEA Section is pleased to announce the 2024 student award competition. Winners will be recognized at the AOAC SEA 3rd Annual Conference (16-17 Oct 2024) at the Acacia Hotel Manila, Philippines and also have the opportunity to participate in the Student Lab Tour in Singapore.

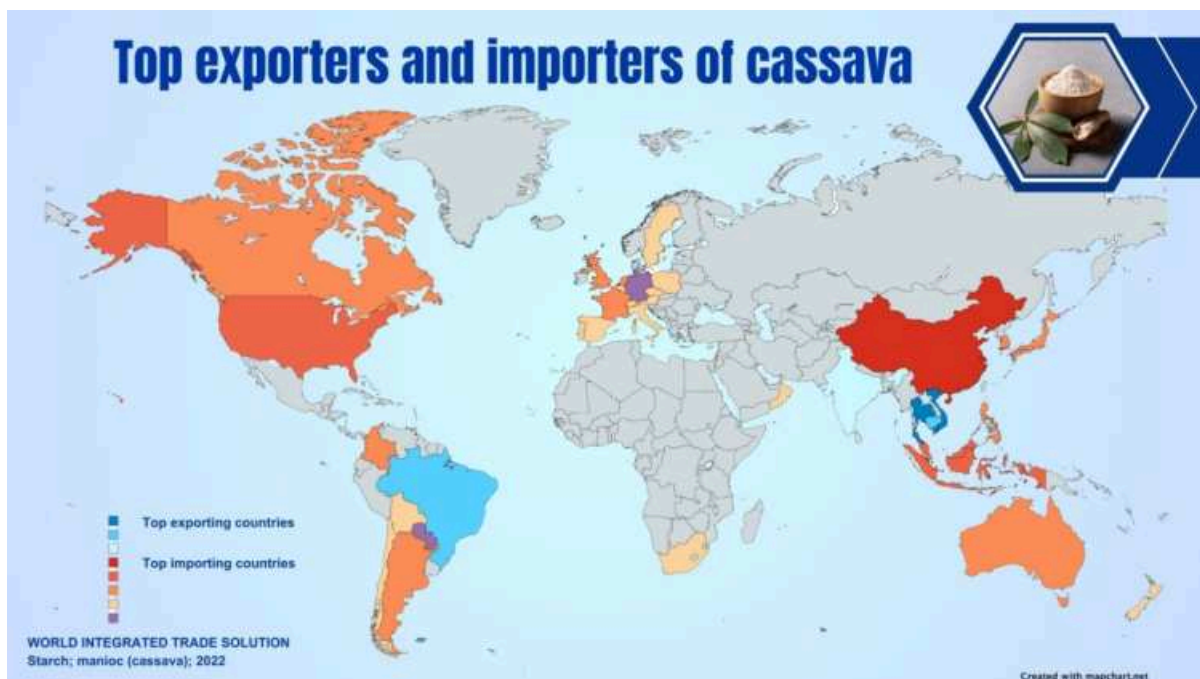
Works submitted should be among the various areas of food safety and analytical science such as: Adulteration, Contamination, Microbiology, Ingredients, Bioactive Substances, Genetic Modifications, or Alternative Proteins. Studies with relations to toxicity on human health or environment, with implications on trade, are also welcome.

Six Student Awards recipients will be honored with:

- \$700 SGD cash prize to be received at the AOAC SEA conference in the Philippines; conference registration fee covered
- E-certificate from AOAC SEA Section
- Formal recognition on AOAC SEA Section Website
- (Optional) Student Lab Tour enrollment to visit state-of-the-art lab(s) in Singapore; \$300 SGD for travel support

The deadline is Jul 8, 2024.

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Round Robin Testing to Improve Food Laboratory Analysis of Cyanide in Cassava

Together with the **Asia Pacific Food Analysis Network (APFAN)** and the **National Measurement Institute Australia (NMIA)**, we are organizing a 'Round Robin' comparison test 'Cassava Chips RR2024'.

The Round Robin samples are of processed ready-to-eat cassava chips that have been ground and stored in small containers for laboratories to analyse to

determine their analytical proficiency. The samples are to be analysed for total hydrocyanic acid content including contributions from cyanogenic substances such as cyanoglycosides that may be present in the material. Results are to be reported on an 'as received' basis and a Report Form for reporting the results is provided to each participant.

It is hoped that this activity will enable participant laboratories to improve their methodologies and adopt a more uniform approach to regional food analysis. Equally, the exercise will give valuable information on the variability of current results and support evidence for the final agreed method to become an AOAC Official Method of Analysis.

To participate in the round robin testing, please email method.harmonization@aoac-sea.org.

Email us

A promotional banner for AOAC SEA Training of Young Scientists WG. The top section has a light blue background with the text "AOAC SEA Training of Young Scientists WG" and "Call for Lab Tour Hosts" in white. Below this is a photograph of a laboratory hallway with a blurred background. In the foreground, there are two inset images: one showing a woman and a man in white lab coats standing in a lab, and another showing a tray of petri dishes. On the right side of the banner is the AOAC International Southeast Asia Section logo, which includes a microscope, a flask, and an open book icon above the text "AOAC INTERNATIONAL SOUTHEAST ASIA SECTION".

AOAC SEA Student Lab Tours

In collaboration with the **National University of Singapore (NUS)**, the AOAC SEA Training of Young Scientists Working Group is organizing immersive tours to local laboratories. These tours will not only provide students with first-hand

exposure to cutting-edge technologies and industry practices but will also offer invaluable networking opportunities with professionals in the field.

Become a Lab Tour Host to help us inspire the next generation of analytical scientists and cultivate a pipeline of talent within the community.

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