

General information

20th CIPAC/FAO/WHO Joint Open Meeting and 69th CIPAC Annual Meeting

June 11 to June 20, 2025, Galway, Ireland

About Galway and the Food Chemistry Laboratories

Galway

Galway is situated on the mouth of the Corrib river on the west coast of Ireland with a current population of approximately 86,000. It is approximately 800 years old and was the only medieval city in the most western province of Connaught. It is a centre of culture in Ireland with many theatres, cinema's music venues, sporting activities and pubs. The University plays a central role in the city and a large percentage of the population of the city are students.

In recent years the area has also become well known for attracting high tech companies mainly in the IT and Biotechnology.

There are many pubs and restaurants scattered throughout the city's narrow cobbled streets serving a range of local cuisine and food from many places around the world. From Galway there is easy access to the wild Atlantic way which runs the length of the west coast and the city is also a gateway to Connemara which is the largest Irish speaking area of the country.

For more information on Galway visit [About Galway | Everything to know, the people, nightlife & Galway culture](#)

Food Chemistry Laboratories

Food Chemistry is one of seven divisions of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Laboratories. The division is situated in Backweston Laboratory complex just outside Celbridge in Co. Kildare and about 18 km from the centre of Dublin. The division consists of five laboratories covering a range of food chemistry activities from pesticide and veterinary residues to chemical elements and dairy compositional analysis. These laboratories carry out analysis on a range of food commodities on the Irish market using a range of techniques with particular expertise in the area's of chromatography and mass spectrometry. Samples are taken from the Irish market according to a multi-annual control plan and covering a wide range of food commodities. This work is carried out to ensure Ireland meets its obligations under EU law.

The fifth laboratory of the division is the Pesticide Formulations Laboratory which analyses samples of plant protection and biocidal products for a range of parameters. The laboratory has a long history of collaboration with CIPAC going back to the nineties. The main function of the laboratory is the analysis of these products from a quality control point of view to ensure that the products meet the authorisation specifications. As well as its primary function the laboratory has developed profiling techniques using GC-QToF and FTIR-ATR for the detection of illegal and counterfeit products in support of the registration divisions at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. The laboratory was one of the leaders in developing multi-active methods for the analysis of pesticide products to improve the efficiency of quality control analysis.

The Pesticide Formulations Laboratory was a founding member of ESPAC and the inaugural meeting of that group was held at the Food Chemistry laboratories just outside Dublin.

All of the Food Chemistry laboratories are accredited to ISO 17025 and they all operate a flexible scope. The division hosts 8 National Reference Laboratories covering pesticides, veterinary medicines and chemical elements.

How to reach Galway

How to get here
It has never been easier



Buses from Shannon Airport to Galway

[Shannon Airport Services | Expressway](#)

Buses from Ireland West Airport to Galway

[Bus Éireann: Bus services to and from West Airport Knock, Co. Mayo](#)

Buses from Dublin Airport to Galway

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Trains from Dublin city to Galway

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On arrival in Galway you can get the 410 bus in Eyre Square and this stops outside the hotel:

[410 - Mount Prospect - Eyre Square – City Direct – Bus Times](#)

Visa requirements:

Citizens of the EU and the EFTA do not require a visa to enter Ireland for a conference or short stay. Ireland has also agreements on visa exemptions with other countries. Definitive information on visa requirements can be found at the website of the Department of Foreign Affairs:

[Conference/Event visa - Immigration Service Delivery](#)

Registration Procedure:

Registration for both the symposium (including the Gala dinner) and the excursion will be via the CIPAC website by completing an online registration form. The cost for the Symposium (including the Gala dinner) is €100. There is no extra charge for partners. Payment is by credit card and on completion of the form you will be redirected to a bank or credit card company for payment. Registration and payment must be done in advance.

The personal data will only be used for the organization of the meetings as mentioned in the invitation and all personal data will be destroyed two months after June 20.

Exemptions

Symposium hosts and Symposium speakers are exempted from the Symposium costs. Anyone wishing to give a presentation should contact Jim, Elen or László. (jim.garvey@agriculture.gov.ie; E.Karassali@bpi.gr; bura.laszlo.id@gmail.com) before registration.

The Hotel

The meeting is being held in the Galway Bay hotel on the promenade about 2km from the centre of Galway city. Rooms are reserved for CIPAC up until May 1st at which point any available rooms will be released to the public. A special rate has been negotiated for the meeting:

Single room €151 (€179 for Friday and Saturday)

Twin room €161 (€189 for Friday and Saturday)

When booking rooms quote CIPAC2025



The Excursion:

Sunday June 15th – Kylemore Abbey and Kilarly Fjord.

The bus will leave the hotel on Sunday morning and head deep into the Gaeltacht, Connemara. This is the largest native Irish speaking area remaining in the country and the journey will take us through the rolling hills and quaint villages of the area. The rest of the morning will be spent at Kylemore Abbey where set against the backdrop of Connemara's twelve Bens mountains. Lunch will then be in the nearby village of Leenaun.

In the afternoon we take a leisurely cruise on Kilarly Harbour Ireland's only Fjord. Enjoy the forests, waterfalls and the dramatic scenery of Ireland's Atlantic coast. If we are lucky we may catch some of the marine wildlife common to the area. It promises to be an enjoyable day out.



The weather

The average temperature in Galway in June for a typical day ranges from a high of 17°C to a low of 10°C. The general area may also feel slightly windy. In Galway in June, there is a 35% chance of rain on an average day.