

The forum will also seek to achieve a current overarching overview of the opportunities and challenges faced by the various actors in Europe and the international arena.

We also hope to attract the participation and attention of potential future entrepreneurs and investors interested in chitin and chitosan current and future potential.

We will allow plenty of time for interactive poster sessions and the industrial exhibition of chitin/chitosan producers, chitosan-based products, technologies, analytical instrumentation, among other sponsoring companies.

Finally, the congress will include a cultural and social agenda to enjoy the flair of the history, culture, gastronomy and vibe of the city of Murcia. Also, a range of activities will be offered for accompanying persons.

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TO SEEING YOU IN
MURCIA IN MAY 2026!**

Upcoming important deadlines

Abstract submission: January 30th, 2026
Student bursaries deadline: February 13th, 2026
Early bird registration: January 30th, 2026
Regular registration: March 31st, 2026
Late registration: After March 31st, 2026



Registration fees

Delegate	Early	Regular	Late
General			
EUGHIS member	€ 480	€ 550	€ 630
Non-member	€ 550	€ 630	€ 700
Student			
EUGHIS member	€ 300	€ 330	€ 380
Non-member	€ 330	€ 380	€ 430

*EUGHIS members must provide evidence of being up to date with their membership payment fees

**Students must provide evidence of their status

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15th International Conference
on Chitin and Chitosan



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**MURCIA,
SPAIN**
May 10th – 13th, 2026

Chitin/chitosan: key actors in the transition to the bioeconomy and a sustainable economic growth

After more than 50 years of being considered “biopolymers of the future”, chitin and chitosan have been gaining an increasing market share in many sectors ranging from agriculture, functional foods, food packaging, aquaculture, biomaterials, medical devices, biotechnology, textiles, among other. They are considered as key players of the transition from fossil-derived polymers to the circular bioeconomy and green sustainable growth.

Despite these biopolymers being still sourced primarily from industrial seafood waste (crustacean exoskeletons) in many coastal regions of the world, the emerging advent of edible insects as sources of food and feed, along with the production of chitosan from fermented fungal mycelia, and occurrence in microalgae, is being a game changer in this arena. However, this also poses new challenges at all levels such as processing, purity, material and biological performance, regulatory and market.

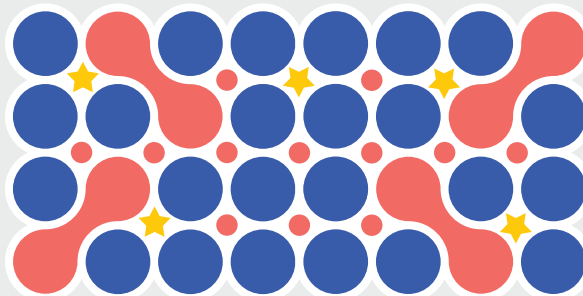
Despite the scientific progress made in the understanding chitosans' chemical structural diversity, and how it dictates its material and biological functions, ultimately underpinning their given applications, many technical, regulatory and market barriers remain. They call for multi-actor actions that involve the academic, industrial and stakeholder communities.

Surprisingly enough, the scientific literature keeps flooding by papers in which the source and characteristics of the used chitosans are poorly reported (1st generation chitosans). This is in contrast with diligent studies on 2nd and 3rd generation chitosans, with full characterisation details and functions started to be uncovered. This disparity leads to lack of reproducibility, fragmented understanding and deters the progress of industrial innovation. Only scientific knowledge and expert training of the new generations of chitin/chitosan scientists will revert this situation. Hence, the pivotal and beacon role played by international chitin and chitosan scientific societies and conferences to keep abreast at the forefront of scientific and technical rigour in the field.

In this scenario, The European Chitin Society takes pride in organising the 15th International Conference of the European Chitin Society (EUCHIS) in in Murcia, Spain, from May 10th to 13th, 2026.

The conference will be hosted by University of Murcia, Spain, at its Social Centre, a venue with spacious and modern lecture rooms, a central area for posters and industrial exhibition, and a wonderful open space for networking and socialisation.

The event builds on the legacy of its fourteen preceding editions over the last three decades, started in Brest, France, in 1995. This is the undisputed leading scientific, technological, and industry European forum in the field of chitin and chitosan and multiple related remits of knowledge and applications, ranging from



agriculture, food, aquaculture, biomedicine, dentistry, biomaterials, pharmacy, cosmetics, biotechnology, water, textiles, adsorbent materials, biosensors, among others.

The conference is poised to attract delegates from Europe and all over the world. To this end, a scientific, business, cultural, and social program will include oral and poster presentations by international experts, both the well-established leaders and from the new generation of young researchers and graduate students, currently driving the research and innovation in the field.

In addition, companies working all along the chitin and chitosan value chains from biomass to production, marketing and end-user applications, as well as analytical instrument companies, are expected to participate. Importantly, the conference is bound to also attract the emerging players from the new industrial chitin sources from insects, fungi and microalgae.

Spaces will be provided for sponsoring companies to exhibit their products, instruments and technologies during coffee breaks, meals, etc. To this end, we are seeking for sponsors at all levels who wish to contribute towards the success of the event, and offer them in return, to contribute to their visibility and acknowledgement in the conference website and materials.

In addition to being a forum for discussion and exchange of advances and ideas in the scientific and technological field, an academia-industry round table will be organised. This will serve as a forum for discussion on challenges of innovation, technology, regulatory and economic barriers.