

# Enoforum 2018 Zaragoza: 11th edition - 1st in Spain

**The first Spanish edition is already a record-breaker, with the participation of 40 research groups, 28 leading companies, almost 500 technicians**

With a journey to the Iberian lands for the 11th edition of ENOFORUM, the technical-scientific congress of choice at the European level for the wine industry, which took place on 31 May and 1 June 2018 at the Zaragoza Trade Fair Congress Centre, underlining the international outreach and continuous growth of the event, dedicated to innovation in the sector.

ENOFORUM (for the Spanish edition in collaboration with EXCELL IBÉRICA), in its opening greetings, reaffirmed the concepts that have been the inspiration for the event since its first edition: "Innovation, intended as the large-scale application of new technologies that substantially improve wine production in a given region, is always the result of a collaboration between research centres, for the scientific verification of phenomena, supplier companies, essential financiers and full-scale developers of technologies, and cutting-edge technicians, who test the new features and allow their potential and application limits to be understood. Where one of the three players is missing, there is perhaps prestigious research, perhaps excellent marketing, perhaps growth in a wine's image, but there is no true innovation. Furthermore, innovation today necessarily has to be found on an international scale; a technician can no longer limit himself to knowing what is happening in his territory."

Founded in 2000 from the collaboration between VINIDEA and SIVE (Italian Society of Viticulture and Oenology), ENOFORUM has always involved the three innovation players (research centres, supplier companies, technicians) on a global scale, focusing in one place and on just a few days a complete overview of what has been innovated in recent years.

With the patronage and collaboration of numerous associations and representative bodies of the Spanish and international wine industry, since its first edition in Aragon ENOFORUM has presented itself as the main technical-scientific conference of the sector in the Iberian Peninsula as well. Over two days, close to 500 participants were able to attend 41 oral presentations by national and international researchers, visit 15 stands of cutting-edge suppliers in the field, participate in 8 demonstration tastings of different styles of wine and different technological solutions for processing, and view 23 posters of scientific papers.

As further proof of the attention paid to the world of research, the sessions dedicated to the ENOFORUM Research for Development Prize, worth €5,000, sponsored by EXCELL IBÉRICA, were very well attended. Thanks to the implementation of modern technologies aimed at facilitating interactivity, they allowed each participant to express their assessment of the quality of the work presented, as well as to formulate questions or submit comments and share experiences. Twenty scientific papers were entered into the competition, 12 of which were selected by the Scientific Committee to be presented orally at Enoforum 2018.

The winner was María Ángeles del Pozo Bayón, from the Instituto de Investigación en Ciencias de la Alimentación (CIAL) CSIC-UAM, who together with colleagues Adelaida Esteban-Fernandez, Maria Perez-Jimenez, Celia Criado, Carolina Muñoz-González (CSGA-INRA) presented the findings of her research on 'Advances in the knowledge of chemical, biochemical and physiological factors involved in the retronasal aroma of wine during consumption'.

In addition to the winner (in alphabetical order of the main author), the following authors scored highest in the evaluation:

- María Paz Diago Santamaría, Juan Fernández-Navales, Salvador Gutiérrez, Javier Tardáguila, Instituto de Ciencias de la Vid y del Vino (Universidad de La Rioja, CSIC, Gobierno de La Rioja) with the paper: 'NIR spectroscopy and hyperspectral vision: non-invasive and rapid techniques to determine the composition of intact grapes'
- Juan Manuel Martínez, Marcos Andrés Maza, Ignacio Álvarez y Javier Raso, Universidad de Zaragoza, with the work: 'Reducing the time of maturation sur lie of Chardonnay wine by electroporation'

The 11th edition of ENOFORUM will also be remembered for being organised with the collaboration of a number of entities that play a role in Spanish and international wine innovation. In addition to the OIV, which has given ENOFORUM its moral patronage for numerous editions, this year's event also saw the support of the Plataforma Tecnológica del Vino, the Conferencia Española de Consejos Reguladores Vitivinícolas, the Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial and the oenologists' associations of Rioja, Cataluña, Castilla y Leon, Castilla la Mancha, and Aragon.