



Dear Organizing Committee,

I am sending my extended opinion regarding the NEEFood congress, I am very sorry for the delay, but it has been a very busy week.

"The II NEEFood congress, which took place in Kyiv was very interesting and fruitful. It was my first time in the Ukraine, and, although I knew that the Ukrainian people are quite committed to accomplishing whatever goal they set, it was, on the other hand, the first food congress held in the Ukraine. There were very little delays regarding the schedule, which is very important for a good progress of the different sessions. When I got to the congress, a translator was offered in order to overcome the language barrier, should the need arise (I would like to thank Dr. Olena for being a dedicated translator). The registration was easy and the opening session took place in a very nice hall. The plenary sessions were interesting and covered a broad spectrum of food science as well as showing the benefits of organizations like GHI and EHEDG. The parallel sessions were quite interesting, although only a very slight number of the oral communications were in English or had English presentations, which is about the only negative aspect I can point out. The poster sessions were well organized and proved to be an important opportunity for scientists to exchange ideas and knowledge, alongside with the lunches which were well served and allowed further conversations regarding oral presentations. I did not attend all of the social programmes, namely the Congress Dinner, but thought that the visit to the brewery was quite interesting. I would like to thank the student Olga for helping me get around the city and for explaining some of Kyiv and the Ukraine's story, and finally extend my acknowledgements to the whole scientific and organizing committee for the continuous efforts to deliver a very nice event.

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