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We the delegates to the XIX General Assembly of the Latin America Association of Food Science and Technology, ALACCTA, celebrated at Montevideo, August 8, 2016

RECOGNIZE

1. That there is a big misperception about the nature and the properties of “in natura” and processed foods, given the many versions about their nutrients and other ingredients’ contents, expressed by various groups with diverse interests.
2. That due to this confusion, the public perception of risk associated with the consumption of “in natura” and processed foods has substantially changed ,based on findings do are not necessarily science-based.
3. That there is an international trend towards eating foods in their natural state.

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1. Food science has always played a key role in food security, food safety, nutrition, pleasure and, in general, the values and traditions that make up the complex world of human food consumption.
2. ALACCTA and its Member Associations, dedicated to the study of food science, have been and will continue to be at the service of humanity to provide scientific and technological advances that permit availability of safe, healthy, delicious and nutritious foods, that are appropriate to the needs and expectations of a wide range of population groups.
3. ALACCTA and its Member Associations recognize that food science is developed and implemented by honest professionals, people with strong scientific backgrounds and social sensitivity, dedicated to the task of feeding the world, a task that fills us with pride.
4. Without the scientific and technological development that exists today it will not be possible to overcome hunger and achieve food security. The scientific knowledge gained about the composition, processing and utilization of food resources enables us to generate a huge variety of foods and beverages that are currently offered to consumers and will play a crucial role in order to feed the 10,000 billion people who will inhabit the Earth in the coming decades.
5. Trends like "local production", "natural food", organic production, veganism, vegetarianism and in general all the current food trends, the current values and future values associated with the act of eating, as well as the traditional diets, moderate and diverse, require the scientific knowledge and technology to ensure food supply for human consumption.

¹ English version of ALACCTA’s Montevideo Declaration kindly prepared by Susana Socolovsky



6. The international scientific community establishes the basis for the validity of scientific knowledge in order to differentiate it from speculation and pseudoscience. In the case of food science, the scientific community, as well as the World Trade Organization agreements, recognizes that the guidelines of the Codex Alimentarius gather knowledge and consensus on issues of food science, safety, risk analysis among others and that these standards and guidelines play a key role to guide the official authorities of the countries in setting food regulations based on scientific evidence.
7. ALACCTA continues, as it has done since its creation, faithful to its commitment to disseminate food science, to promote its development and innovation in order to serve humanity, to take advantage of the best food resources from our region and around the globe, to strengthen the ethical commitment of food professionals on the noble task of feeding the world.