The concept of innovation is commonly associated with the concept of technology, although it is in fact also a factor relentlessly affecting legal science.

Within the latter, food law represents an important laboratory of innovation, in which concepts and tools have been experimented and applied also in other branches of law.

The annual Conference of the Italian Food Law Association aims at continuing a dialogue on the relationship between innovation and food law that already profitably started with the Conferences of Piacenza in 2011 and Milan of 2015, exploring its contents under a twofold perspective.

The first employs the notion of «legal transplant» introduced by comparative scholars such as Alan Watson and Otto Kahn-Freund in the 70s of the last century, to understand if and to what extent the circulation of legal models at the international level is paving the way to build a Global Food Law and to re-shape osmotically the foundations of food law.

The second one looks at the role that technology has historically played, and continues to perform at a fast pace, in posing new regulatory questions to food law in all the areas in which emerges the need to regulate the production, distribution and consumption of foodstuffs in the global market.

Friday, 9 November 2018
9.10 Registration
9.40 Institutional greetings by the University of Trento and by the Dean of the Faculty of Law
10.00-13.00 First Session in Italian: Agri-food Law and Innovation
Chairman: prof. Marco Goldoni (University of Pisa)
prof. Luigi Costato (University of Ferrara)
The Creativity of the Agri-food Lawyer
dr. Laura Salvi (University of Ferrara)
Agri-food Law and Innovation through the Lenses of Better Regulation
dr. Valeria Paganizza (University of Ferrara)
The Beatles Revolution: when Innovation starts with Insects
prof. Irene Canfora (University of Bari)
The Agri-food Markets for the Products of Innovation
13.00-14.30 Lunch Buffet
14.30-17.30 Second Session in English: Agri-food Law and Globalisation in Comparative Perspective
Chairman: prof. Ferdinando Alibisini (University of Tuscia)
prof. Roberto Pardolesi (LUISS University, Rome)
Antitrust and B2B transactions issues in Agri-food supply chains
prof. Zailin Ruan and prof. Yanguo Yu (East China University of Science and Technology)
"Small Farmers, Big Market” and Agricultural Product Quality
prof. Martin Cloutier (Université du Québec à Montréal)
Motivation, Issues and Perspectives of Agri Food Product Innovations: From Local Actions to Global Markets?
prof. Martin Holle (Hamburg University)
Globalization of Innovation - (Re-)localization of Food Law?
17.45-18.30 Meeting of AIDA-IFLA members
20.00 Dinner

Saturday, 10 November 2018
9.00-12.00 Third Session in Italian: Agri-food Law and Technology
Chairman: prof. Umberto Izzo (University of Trento)
prof. Darta Pertot (University of Trento)
Novel Food: Technological Opportunities and Implications of the New European Regulation
prof. Eleonora Sirri (University of Pisa)
Sustainability Principle and New Breeding Techniques
prof. Marianne Guffrida (University of Messina)
Technological Innovation and Responsibility of the Agri-food Operator
prof. Paolo Borghi (University of Ferrara)
The Myth of Precaution
prof. Alessandra Di Lauro (University of Pisa)
Anatomy of Food Choices: Law Facing Neurosciences
prof. Sandro Amorosino (University La Sapienza)
Public Bodies and New Agri-food Technologies
prof. Matteo Ferrari (University of Trento)
The Protection of Seeds between Open and Closed Models
12.00-12.30 Final debate
Concluding remarks
prof. Antonio Iannarelli (University of Bari)

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