



IGCAT Newsletter First Quarter 2025

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Sawa Taste of Tunisia recognized among **Top 10 Foodie Websites** for two consecutive years: 2024 and 2025

We are incredibly honoured to share that Sawa Taste of Tunisia has been recognized as one of the Top 10 Foodie Websites for 2025 by IGCAT at the prestigious Top Websites for Foodie Travelers Award Ceremony in Harghita Region. This recognition, for the second year in a row, celebrates our ongoing commitment to showcasing Tunisia’s rich culinary heritage, blending authentic flavours, local stories, and immersive gourmet experiences.

Being included among the top foodie websites globally is more than just an award; it’s a testament to the vibrant food culture of Tunisia and the dedication of our team to share it with the world. The recognition highlights the growing interest in Tunisia as a must-visit destination for culinary travelers seeking meaningful connections through food and culture.

This milestone strengthens our mission to create unforgettable culinary journeys that support local artisans, chefs, and producers while promoting sustainable tourism. It also opens new opportunities for collaboration and inspires us to continue curating unique gastronomic experiences that celebrate Tunisia’s diverse flavours.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to IGCAT, our partners, and everyone who has supported Sawa Taste of Tunisia. Your encouragement drives us to continue telling Tunisia’s culinary story, one taste at a time.

Stay tuned as we keep exploring, tasting, and sharing the best of Tunisia’s gastronomy with the world!

Lamia Temimi

Sawa Taste of Tunisia

News from IGCAT and the World Regions of Gastronomy



Crop Trust Webinar Explores the Role of Genebanks in Strengthening Food Systems

31 March 2025 - The critical role of genebanks in reviving crop diversity, reconnecting farmers with underutilized crop varieties, and strengthening local food systems, was the subject of Crop Trust's webinar hosted by IGCAT... [Read more](#)



Sicily celebrates Region of Gastronomy 2025 Title with grand opening ceremony and nationwide Recognition

14 March 2025 - Sicily's designation as European Region of Gastronomy 2025 has already generated extraordinary visibility across Italy, with over 75 media articles. Since... [Read more](#)



Catalonia's Gastronomic Potential shines at FITUR 2025

28 January 2025 – The prestigious title of **World Region of Gastronomy 2025**, awarded by the IGCAT, is set to elevate the gastronomic and tourism value of Catalonia's diverse territories. Catalonia has already begun implementing initiatives linked to this... [Read more](#)



Harghita officially Awarded European Region of Gastronomy 2027

10 February 2025 - Harghita County celebrated this momentous achievement at the Fenyő Hotel in Miercurea Ciuc/Csíkszereda, coinciding with the Top Foodie Websites 2025 Award Ceremony. Politicians, industry Experts... [Read more](#)



Savour the Journey: IGCAT's Top 10 Foodie Websites for 2025

6 February 2025 - IGCAT's **Top 10 Websites for Foodie Travelers 2025** present a selection of exceptional, creative, and culturally rich gastronomic experiences from around the world. From food and wine tastings, farm or factory tours, cookery classes to... [Read more](#)



Open Call for World and European Regions of Gastronomy 2029

Join IGCAT's growing Platform and work with us to protect and promote your cultural and food diversity!

Deadline for joining the Platform: **30 Jan. 2026**

Deadline for applications: **31 May 2026**

For more information: [Open Call for World Regions of Gastronomy 2029](#)



Storytelling in Hospitality Education: A Key Focus at EUHT StPOL

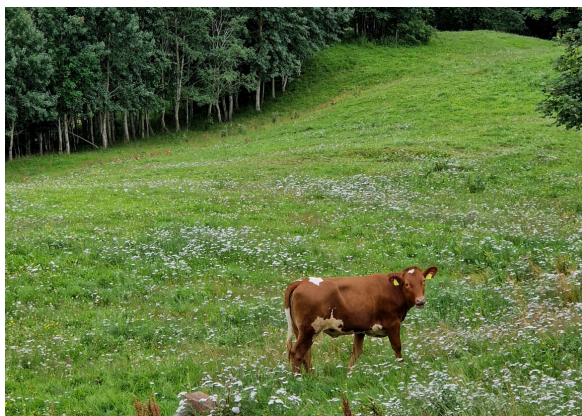
25 March 2025 - The Hotel Schools of Distinction Annual Meeting, hosted by EUHT StPOL, brought together leading educators to explore the transformative power of storytelling... [Read more](#)



IGCAT Launches the new official website for the Top Foodie Websites' Competition

24 March 2025 - The International Institute of Gastronomy, Culture, Art and Tourism is pleased to announce the launch of the new official website for the prestigious **Top Foodie Websites** competition. This competition... [Read more](#)

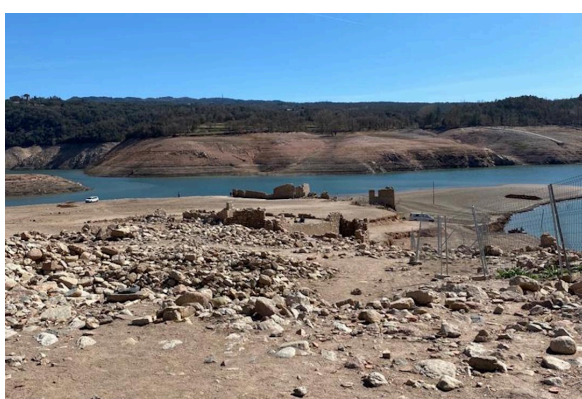
Current news from around the globe



The global human impact on biodiversity

By **NATURE**

27 March 2025 - Human activities, such as pollution and climate change, are altering ecosystems worldwide, yet the anticipated trend of biotic homogenization is not as... [Read more](#)



Biodiversity loss in all species and every ecosystem linked to humans – report

By **The Guardian**

26 March 2025 - A recent study, synthesizing over 2,000 global studies, confirms that human activities are driving biodiversity loss... [Read more](#)



International Women’s Day: how Slow Food Farms empower women worldwide

By **Slow Food**

6 March 2025 - **Slow Food Farms** celebrate the essential role of women in agriculture, highlighting their contributions to biodiversity, traditional food practices, and sustain... [Read more](#)



Food literacy in schools can cut undernourishment by 14 pc, say experts

By **Ani News**

11 March 2025 - Integrating food literacy into school curriculums has the potential to significantly reduce undernourishm... [Read more](#)



VMSIHE Celebrates Landmark NAAC "A" Grade Accreditation

By **VMSIHE**

14 February 2025 - V. M. Salgaocar Institute of International Hospitality Education, in Goa - India, has achieved a significant milestone by being accredited with an "A" Grade by the... [Read more](#)

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