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Miami will play a significant role next week in the build-up for the Milan Expo 2015 World's Fair as it hosts an international conference on the fair's theme, "Feeding the Planet – Energy for Life."

On March 12, the day-long forum at Miami Dade College's Wolfson campus will explore how the food, health and identity of people on both sides of the Atlantic evolve in a parallel and inseparable process. Conference organizers say shared modern concerns faced by our society and their interrelationship with nutrition and sustainable development will guide discussions and attempt to shed light on long-term solutions.

After the opening keynote address by Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institute of Health, there will be a number of panel discussions including “Is Better Food the Prescription for a Healthier America – What’s Making Us Sick Anyway?,” “Bridging New and Old World Cuisine: Cooking For Health,” and “Old World, New World Food and its Identity.”

There will also be a luncheon with speakers introducing Expo Milan 2015 and a “Chef finale” that evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at the MDC Culinary Institute when a top Italian-born chef and American-born chef work hand-in hand, assisted by MDC Culinary staff and students.

Conference chairman Arthur J. Furia said the day-long forum represents one of the most important international appointments leading up to the fair as a showcase for American innovation in Miami as well as Milan.

He said the conference is a celebration of the US’s support and participation in the 2015 World’s Fair in Milan, Italy.

From May 1 to Oct. 31, Expo Milan 2015 will encourage international discussion on ensuring there’s enough healthy food for the world’s population, respecting nature and its delicate balance and avoiding food excess and injustice.

According to event organizers, more than 140 nations will present technical solutions to meet “the epochal challenge of a world that is experiencing strong contradictions.” There were about 870 million undernourished people in 2010-2012 but also about 2.8 million deaths from diseases related to obesity or weight problems.

Nutrition is a crucial issue for the future of humanity, the organizers stress. “The increase in population and scarcity of water and land resources require a serious and thorough reflection on strategies to ensure healthy food that is safe and enough for everyone.”

For six months, participants will discuss and debate concrete solutions to these issues and come up with guidelines to ensure sustainable development, food security and quality in the production chain.

Details: Registration for March 12 conference, <http://www.mdc.edu/feedingtheplanet>