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European Federation of Biotechnology Conference Microbial Stress: from Systems to Molecules and Back

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Venue: Kinsale, Co. Cork, Ireland



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Meeting Background

The Microbial Physiology Section of the European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB) will host a three-day meeting in Spring 2018, on the topic of microbial stress responses, from basic aspects to implications in medicine and industry. The EFB is Europe's non-profit federation of National Biotechnology Associations, Universities, Scientific Institutes and Biotech Companies working to promote biotechnology throughout Europe and beyond. The Microbial Physiology section is especially concerned with interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral research to understand microbes and how they can be harnessed in the biotechnology sector to enhance societal and economic goals.

This is the fourth meeting since 2010 organised by the EFB Microbial Physiology on the general theme of Microbial stress responses and the first time the meeting will be held in Ireland. The aim of the meeting is to bring together a strong interdisciplinary cohort of researchers, at all stages of their careers, who share an interest in applied and basic aspects of the microbial stress physiology. This field underpins many of the biotechnological applications and innovations associated with using prokaryotic and eukaryotic microorganisms to produce foods, beverages, chemicals and medicines for human consumption. The latest developments in this field therefore often contribute to new biotechnological approaches to improving process efficacy and productivity, as well as to the development of novel drugs to treat infections and control their spread.

Meeting Location

The 2018 EFB Microbial Stress conference will be held in the picturesque town of [Kinsale](#) in Co. Cork Ireland. Kinsale is a traditional sailing and fishing town located on the south coast of Ireland. The town is 30 km from the University City of Cork, and just 20 km from [Cork International Airport](#). Kinsale has a rich military, maritime and social history, and is one of Ireland's premier tourism destinations. It is served by many restaurants and hostels and is considered the "gourmet capital of Ireland". It is also the starting point of the famous [Wild Atlantic Way](#) driving route that takes in the spectacular Irish Atlantic coastline. Registration costs to the Meeting will include three nights 4-star accommodation in [Acton's Hotel](#), or in the sister hotel [Trident Hotel](#) located 350 meters along the waterfront.

Delegate Profile

The meeting aims to attract 150-200 delegates and based on past experience of EFB meetings, ~85% will be from European Countries. Because of the location in Ireland, and the topic, it is anticipated that all the major Irish research institutions will be represented by ~15% of the delegates. Industry researchers will form 10-15% of the delegate profile with the remainder coming from academia. It is anticipated that ratio between PhD/post-doctoral researchers and Principal Investigators will be ~60:40.

Scientific Programme

The meeting will address both fundamental and applied aspects of microbial stress responses. Both academic and industrial sectors will be represented at the meeting. An important objective of the meeting is to stimulate interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral knowledge-exchange and to stimulate new research collaborations that will help progress this important field.

As well as the 9 invited speakers, the meeting will provide 28 scheduled slots for short talks and offered papers where both early stage and established researchers attending the meeting will have an opportunity to present their work. In addition, there will be flash poster presentations that will allow younger researchers the opportunity to present a snapshot of their work to the delegates and this will help to stimulate a strong, interactive poster session at the conference.

Scientific Topics and Sessions will include:

- **Systems and structural biology approaches to understanding stress responses**
- **Response to acid and osmotic stresses**
- **Understanding stress responses at the single cell level**
- **The role of stress response in influencing host-pathogen interactions**
- **Biotechnological applications of the stress response**

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