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

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Meeting Background

The Microbial Physiology Section of the European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB) will host a three-day meeting in late summer 2020 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 fifth 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 a capital city, Rome, the Eternal City!

Meeting Location

The 2020 EFB Microbial Stress conference will be held in the National Research Council (CNR) headquarters in Rome, close to Sapienza University campus. Rome has 3 public universities, the CNR and several Research Institutes where scientific excellence contributes to the scientific progress of the whole country and of Europe.

Delegate Profile

The meeting aims to attract 150-200 delegates and based on past experience of EFB meetings, ~80% will be from European Countries. 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 programme addresses important subtopics in the stress response field, which will be covered from a variety of interesting perspectives. The breadth of topics covered will encourage interdisciplinary cross-fertilisation and create an environment for the development of new collaborations. The meeting welcomes, amongst others, microbiologists, biotechnologists, system biologists, biochemists and molecular biologists from both the academic and industrial sectors.

Applied and fundamental aspects of the microbial stress physiology underpin many biotechnological applications and innovations that use prokaryotic and eukaryotic microorganisms to produce foods, beverages, medicines for human consumption and employed in the bio-based production of fuels and industrial building-blocks.

As well as the 9 renowned invited speakers, the meeting will provide 25 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:

- Stress at the Systems and Structural Level
- Signalling, intracellular and population responses under stress
- Antibiotic stress and persistence
- Biotic and abiotic stress as evolutionary drivers
- Industrial applications of low pH stress on microbial bio-based production
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