

Report on MBDP day 11.5.2023

We had the first ever MBDP day gathering microbial ecologist from Helsinki and Finland overall. There were over 90 participants to this one-day event and the feedback was really positive. We had 3 keynote speakers (one international and two from Finland) for the three sessions on Environmental microbiology, Molecular microbiology and Human microbiome research. After the keynote each session had 4-5 oral presentations by the doctoral researchers. There were also 4 poster pitch talks and 20 posters.

ISME funding (500€) covered coffee and sandwiches in the morning coffee break. ISME logo was included in the event webpages, in the abstract book and also shown on the screen during breaks and the poster session. ISME conference in South Africa was also promoted.

Poster session was lively and for many doctoral researchers this was their first live poster session due to the pandemic and online conferences. In the feedback the possibility to give scientific talks and learn how to give a poster presentation and ask questions during poster session was acknowledged.

As the event was such a success, it sure will be held again 2024.

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