

Report ISAM8 (8th International Symposium on Anaerobic Microbiology)

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From June 12th to June 15th 2013 the International Symposium on Anaerobic Microbiology took place in Innsbruck (Tyrol), Austria. Venue for this event was the Villa Blanka, located at the foot of the famous Nordkette, the emblem of the Tyrolean capital. This conference series has a long tradition in Eastern European (SL, SK, CZ, PL) countries and was originally founded as a scientific platform for young scientists. ISAM8 was hosted for the first time in Austria by the Institute of Microbiology/University of Innsbruck by Heribert Insam, Sabine Marie Podmirseg and Andreas Otto Wagner. A total of 120 participants from over 20 nations joined the conference focusing on recent advances in anaerobic microbiology. The conference was opened by Deputy Governor of Tyrol, Ingrid Felipe and scientific presentations were grouped into seven sessions that dealt with Eukaryotic Anaerobes, Animal Digestive Tract, Anaerobes in Human Gut, Biomethane for Bioenergy, Waste and (Waste)water, Other Roles of Anaerobes and Emerging Methods. Altogether, 34 talks and 62 posters were presented with invited keynote lectures by internationally renowned scientists, such as Gareth Griffith (UK), Willy Verstraete (BE), Caroline Plugge (NL) and Harold Drake (DE). The best young scientist presentation and the best poster were awarded at the end of the conference. Selected contributions will be published in a Special Issue of the Journal “Anaerobe” under the title “No oxygen- still virgorous” (<http://www.journals.elsevier.com/anaerobe>). The scientific programme was entouraged by different social events like the traditional Petanque Tournament, and a culture-science event around the ‘tripmarks’ (www.tripmarks.at) showing microbial profiles along a 20.000 km bike-trip. The 9th International Symposium on Anaerobic Microbiology (ISAM9) will take place in Slovenia in June 2015.



The organisers, Heribert Insam, Sabine Podmirseg and Andreas Wagner



