We are grateful for the ISME funding sponsoring the 4th meeting of the Netherlands Society for Evolutionary Biology in the Akoesticum, Ede, the Netherlands. This meeting brought together around 100 evolutionary biologists working in, or associated with, the Netherlands. Keynote speakers were Katja Peijnenburg (Naturalis), Jaap Kaandorp (Universiteit van Amsterdam) en Eric Snijder (Leiden University Medical Center). In addition, there were four parallel sessions (with each five presentations). The Netherlands has a lively research area that combines microbial ecology and evolution, this can also be seen in the number of talks at the meeting, 8 of 23 talks were microbe related.

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