We are grateful for the ISME funding sponsoring the 5th meeting of the Netherlands Society for Evolutionary Biology in the Akoesticum, Ede, the Netherlands.

This meeting brought together around 120 evolutionary biologists working in, or associated with, the Netherlands. Keynote speakers were Franjo Weissing (University of Groningen) and Felicity Jones (Tübingen). 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, 6 of 22 talks were microbe related.

500 euro of ISME funding was used to sponsor part of the costs related to the venue, rent of poster boards, and sound and vision equipment.
We are excited to welcome you to the 2023 NLSEB meeting that will be held on Tuesday May 16th at the Akoesticum in Ede.

We have plenary talks by Felicity Jones (Friedrich Miescher Lab, Tübingen) who works on molecular mechanisms of speciation and adaptation in sticklebacks, by Franjo Weissing (U Groningen) who works on evolvability, phenotypic plasticity, game theory and behavior, and by the winner of the 2021 Netherlands Evolutionary Biology Prize (will be announced during the meeting).

The program also includes two parallel presentation sessions, a cultural intermezzo, roundtable discussions and plenty of time for poster presentations and socializing with your fellow evolutionary biologists, to strengthen your networking connections and to establish new collaborations.

Take a look at the [program](#) for more details.

The roundtable discussions will consist of:

a) ”Data archiving and management” chaired by Sebastian Loquime (University of Groningen)
b) “Drafting a successful research proposal in the field of evolutionary biology” chaired by Jacintha Eller (VU Amsterdam) & Bas Zwaan (WUR)
c) “Joint initiatives in teaching evolutionary biology” chaired by Jelle Zandveld (Utrecht University)