

## Report from the Annual Congress of the Danish Microbiological Society (DMS 2019)

With largest number of participants and the largest number of abstracts ever, the DMS 2019 Congress was a great success. 329 participants from mainly Denmark attended the congress, 130 abstracts were submitted and 104 posters were presented during the congress programme.

The scientific programme consisted of six main sessions:

- Biodiversity and biogeography
- Vaccines
- Microbial food web in soil
- Big data and deep learning meets microbiology
- Novel antimicrobial therapies
- The challenges of slow growing bacteria

In addition to the six main sessions, there was a keynote presentation and two invited talks. The titles for these were, respectively:

- “Cooperation and competition in bacteria: from model systems to microbiome” by Kevin Foster
- “Citizen science in systematic and applied microbiology”, by Preben Nielsen, Novozymes
- “Vaccine hesitancy – a major threat for global health”, by Kåre Mølbak, Statens Serum Institut

In addition, three flash poster presentations were selected among the submitted abstracts for each of the six sessions. DMS believes it is important to support the young scientists and to give the opportunity to present at a scientific conference.

The DMS Congress disseminates the newest high quality research within microbiology and provides a platform for networking to the Danish microbiological community. For more than 60 years, the DMS congress has been and continues to be an important English-speaking event for general microbiology in Scandinavia.

The grant from ISME was used to cover some of the travel and accommodation expenses for the invited speakers.

The best poster presentation was selected by the DMS Board and received the ISME poster award during the closing session of DMS 2019. The Poster Award Certificate stated the prize: a two year membership of ISME. The winner of the Best Poster Award was Jonas Greve Lauritsen, Research Assistant at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU). See photo.

The Danish Microbiological Society (DMS) would like to thank ISME for the support and their contribution to making the DMS 2019 Congress such a great success.

