

**PROGRAMME**  
**IX. MICROBIOLOGY SYMPOSIUM**  
**"METAGENOMES OF VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTS"**  
**UMCS, Lublin, 23 – 24 June, 2025**

Symposium venue: Institute of Informatics, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, 9 Akademicka St., Lublin,  
I. floor, Hall D105

| <b>First day of the Symposium</b><br><b>23 June 2025 (Monday)</b> |  |
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| <b>8:00 - 9:00</b>  | <b>Registration and Welcome Coffee</b><br><b>Building of the Institute of Informatics of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin,<br/>9 Akademicka Street, I. floor, Hall D105</b>   |
|   | <b>OPENING SESSION</b>   |
| <b>9:00 - 9:30</b>  | <b>SYMPOSIUM OPENING CEREMONY – WELCOME WORD</b><br>Greeting of guests by organizers and representatives of Honorary and Scientific Patrons,<br>authorities of the Polish Society of Microbiologists, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin,<br>Faculty of Biology and Biotechnology of UMCS and authorities of co-organizing units<br>as well as representatives of the city and provincial authorities |
|   | <b>INAUGURAL SESSIONS</b><br>Moderators leading the session:<br><b>Prof. dr habil. Stefan Tyski; Prof. dr habil. Zofia Piotrowska-Seget; Prof. dr habil. Adam Choma</b>  |
| <b>9:30 - 10:10</b>   | <b>INAUGURAL LECTURE I</b><br><b>Prof. dr habil. Dariusz Bartosik, University of Warsaw "The sound of silence..."</b>  |
| <b>10:10 - 10:50</b>  | <b>INAUGURAL LECTURE II</b><br><b>Prof. dr Jaco Vangronsveld, Hasselt University, Belgium "The seed microbiome: its complexity, significance in plant life and possible applications"</b>  |
| <b>10:50 - 11:15</b>  | <b>Coffee break</b>  |
|   | <b>SESSION I</b><br>Prokaryotic microbiome of different environments<br>Moderators leading the session:<br><b>Prof. Magdalena Frąć; Prof. Monika Janczarek; Dr Karolina Furtak</b>   |
| <b>11:15 - 11:45</b>  | <b>PLENARY LECTURE I</b><br>"The lecture is carried out with the financial support of The City of Lublin, as part of the Visiting Professors in Lublin Program ".<br><br><b>Prof. dr Heribert Insam, University of Innsbruk, BioTreaT Company</b><br><b>"Microbes, climate and society"</b>                               |
| <b>11:45 - 12:00</b>  | <b>Presentation 1</b><br><b>Dr Slawomir Sulowicz, Krzysztof Zawierucha, Anna Markowicz, Krystyna Koziol, Wiktoria Zientak, Adam Nawrot, Krzesimir Tomaszewski, Bartłomiej Luks, Catherine Larose, University of Silesia in Katowice: „Microbial diversity of the snowpack in Spitsbergen”</b>  |
| <b>12:00 - 12:15</b>  | <b>Presentation 2</b><br><b>Dr Marta Potrykus, Monika Kurpas, Grażyna Gałatkowska, University of Gdańsk: “Chemical contamination influence on beach sand microbiota”</b>   |
| <b>12:15 - 12:30</b>  | <b>Presentation 3 - participant in the competition for young scientists</b><br><b>Lic. Daria Kaim, Franco Magurno, Izabela Potocka, Zofia Piotrowska-Seget, Piotr Siupka University of Silesia in Katowice: ”Comparative analysis of bacteriobiome structures in bottom sediments of water reservoirs with varying pollution levels in Upper Silesia”</b>  |
| <b>12:30 - 12:45</b>  | <b>Presentation 4</b><br><b>Dr Piotr Siupka, Adam Nadudvari, Ian Marshall, Tomasz Krzykowski, Hakim Rabia, Agnieszka Bylina, Leszek Marynowski, Zofia Piotrowska-Seget, University of Silesia in Katowice: „Microorganisms at the limits of life: Insights into microbiome of thermally active coal waste dumps”</b>   |
| <b>12:45 - 13:00</b>  | <b>Presentation 5</b><br><b>Dr Małgorzata Pawlik, Kinga Bondarczuk, Magdalena Noszczyńska, Alicja Cwajna, Zofia Piotrowska-Seget, University of Silesia in Katowice: “Genome analysis of Cd-resistant endophytic bacteria and their impact on tomato root morphology”</b>  |
| <b>13.00 - 13.15</b>  | <b>Discussion</b>  |
| <b>13:15 - 14:15</b>  | <b>PHOTO of all Symposium participants (in front of the building of Institute of Informatics on the Maria Curie-Skłodowska square by the monument of Maria Curie-Skłodowska)</b><br><b>LUNCH -</b>   |

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|                      | <b>HOTEL MERCURE, 12, Aleje Raclawickie St., Lublin, about 200 m from the symposium venue</b>   |
| <b>14:15 - 15:00</b> | <b>POSTER SESSION (posters will be available throughout the conference)</b>   |
|                      | <b>SESSION II</b><br><b>Eukaryotic microbiome of different environments</b><br>Moderators leading the session:<br><b>Prof. Dr Joanna Kruszewska; Dr Magdalena Szczech, Prof. of the Institute; Grzegorz Janusz, Ph.D., prof. of UMCS</b>  |
| <b>15:00 - 15:30</b> | <b>PLENARY LECTURE II</b><br><b>Prof. dr habil. Małgorzata Jędryczka, IGR Poznań: "Metagenomes in decision support systems for plant protection"</b>  |
| <b>15:30 – 16:00</b> | <b>PLENARY LECTURE III</b><br>Anna Pikulicka, <b>Prof. dr habil. Wiesław Barabasz</b> , National University of Applied Sciences in Przemyśl: " <b>micro-RNA small molecules of great importance</b> "   |
| <b>16:00 - 16:20</b> | <b>INVITED LECTURE</b><br><b>Dr habil. Lidia Blaszczyk, prof. IPG</b> , Institute of Plant Genetics, Polish Academy of Sciences: " <b>Involvement of microRNA in the multidirectional interaction of wheat plants with <i>Fusarium</i> and <i>Trichoderma</i> fungi –preliminary observations</b> )"            |
| <b>16:20 – 16:40</b> | <b>INVITED LECTURE</b><br><b>Dr habil. Sylwia Różalska, prof. UŁ</b> , University of Łódź: " <b>The role of secondary metabolites in the ecology of entomopathogenic fungi</b> )"   |
| <b>16:40 – 17:00</b> | <b>INVITED LECTURE</b><br><b>Dr habil. Marta Wrzosek, prof. UW</b> , Igor Siedlecki, Warsaw University: „ <b>Fungi in mounds of red wood ants <i>Formica polyctena</i></b> ”  |
|                      | <b>PRESENTATIONS</b>  |
| <b>17:00 – 17:15</b> | <b>Presentation 6 - participant in the competition for young scientists</b><br><b>MSc Joanna Ziętra-Wysocka</b> , Paulina Niedźwiedzka-Rystwej, Institute of Biology, University of Szczecin: " <b>Analysis of the effect of chicory root on the gut microbiota of rabbits based on sequencing techniques</b> " |
| <b>17:15 – 17:30</b> | <b>Presentation 7 - participant in the competition for young scientists</b><br><b>MSc Jakub Kuncewicz, MSc Maksymilian Chmielewski</b> , Władysław Polocyn, Adam Mickiewicz University: " <b>Interpretation of microbiome network clusters as functional groups</b> "   |
| <b>17:30 – 17:40</b> | <b>Presentation by 3GENES (conference sponsor)</b>  |
| <b>17:40 – 17:55</b> | <b>Discussion</b>   |
| <b>19:00</b>         | <b>GALA DINNER</b><br><b>HOTEL MERCURE, 12, Aleje Raclawickie St., Lublin, about 200 m from the symposium venue</b>   |

## Second day of the Symposium

–24 June 2025 (Tuesday).

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| <b>8:30 - 9:00</b>   | <b>Welcome Coffee</b><br><b>Building of the Institute of Informatics of the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, 9 Akademicka St., Hall D105</b>  |
|                      | <b>Session III</b><br><b>Metagenomes of the soil environment and their application in biotechnology</b><br><b>Part 1: Metagenomes of the plant rhizosphere and their formation by microbiota interactions</b><br><b>Moderators leading the session:</b><br><b>dr hab. Andrzej Mazur, prof. UMCS; dr hab. Małgorzata Marczak, prof. UMCS;</b><br><b>dr hab. Karolina Oszust, prof. Instytutu</b> |
| <b>9:00 - 9:30</b>   | <b>PLENARY LECTURE III</b><br><b>Prof. dr Alessio Mengoni University of Florence: "When biodiversity meets biotechnologies: deciphering symbiotic nitrogen fixing rhizobia genotype x genotype interaction in the plant microbiome"</b>   |
|                      | <b>Presentations</b>  |
| <b>9:30 - 9:45</b>   | <b>Presentation 8 -- participant in competition for young scientists</b><br><b>MSc Klaudia Peczyk, Monika Malicka, Piotr Siupka, Franco Magurno, Zofia Piotrowska-Seget University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland: "Decoding the potential of mycorrhiza helper bacteria: genomic insights and application for plant growth support in PAH-contaminated substrates"</b>                         |
| <b>9:45 - 10:00</b>  | <b>Presentation 9 - participant in the competition for young scientists</b><br><b>Dr Weronika Babińska-Wensierska, Sandra Kobierska, Agata Motyka-Poagruk, Ewa Łojkowska, University of Gdańsk: "The role of soil microbiota in the development of blackleg and soft rot symptoms in potato – identification of a natural antagonist bacteria from the genus <i>Paenibacillus</i> sp."</b>      |
| <b>10:00 - 10:15</b> | <b>Presentation 10</b><br><b>Dr Dorota M. Krzyzanowska, Marcin Borowicz, Marta Sobolewska, Robert Czajkowski, University of Gdańsk: "Tailocins as precision weapons in bacterial competition: a model based on plant pathogens from the Pectobacteriaceae family"</b>   |
|                      | <b>Discussion</b>   |
| <b>10.30 - 11.00</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>   |
|                      | <b>Session III</b><br><b>Metagenomes of the soil environment and their application in biotechnology</b><br><b>Part 2: Metagenomes and biotic and abiotic factors in shaping agroecosystems</b><br><b>Moderators leading the session:</b><br><b>Prof. dr Jadwiga Wyszkowska, Prof. dr Jan Kucharski; Dr Anna Marzec-Grządziel</b>  |
| <b>11:00 - 11:30</b> | <b>PLENARY LECTURE IV</b><br><b>Prof. dr Adriano Sofo, University of Basilicata, Italy "Interactions between microorganisms and plants in agroecosystems differentially managed: effects on soil health and crop production"</b>  |
| <b>11:30 - 11:45</b> | <b>Presentation 11</b><br><b>Dr Agnieszka Domka, Maciej Gustab, Roman Jędrzejczyk, Rafał Ważny, Weronika Kosowicz, Piotr Rozpaćek, Malopolska Center for Biotechnology, Jagiellonian University: "Interactions between host plants and microbial communities: implications for environmental adaptation"</b>  |
| <b>11:45 - 12:00</b> | <b>Presentation 12 -- participant in competition for young scientists</b><br><b>MSc Adam Furtak, Anna Szafranek-Nakonieczna, Anna Pytlak, Institute of Agrophysics named after Bohdan Dobrzanski, PAS: "Friend or foe - the reaction of methanotrophic communities of agricultural soils to glyphosate"</b>   |
| <b>12:00 - 12:15</b> | <b>Presentation 13</b><br><b>Dr Sławomir Borymski, Wiktoria Paliga, Anna Markowicz, Krzysztof Sitko, Sławomir Sułowicz University of Silesia: "Biodiversity of rhizosphere microbial communities in the context of zinc accumulation by <i>Arabidopsis</i> metallophytes in soil contaminated with ZnO nanoparticles"</b>   |
| <b>12:15 - 12:30</b> | <b>Presentation 14 - participant in the competition for young scientists</b><br><b>MSc Aleksandra Karpińska, Marcin Borowicz, Dorota M. Krzyzanowska, Sylwia Jafra, University of Gdańsk: "Application of molecular biology methods in studying adhesion mechanisms in <i>Ochrobactrum</i> spp."</b>  |
|                      | <b>Discussion</b>   |

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| <b>12:45 - 14:00</b> | <b>LUNCH</b><br><b>HOTEL MERCURE, 12, Aleje Raclawickie St, Lublin, about 200 m from the symposium venue</b>   |
|                      | <b>Session IV</b><br><b>Application metagenomics, metabolomics, proteomics and their importance in environmental quality and human health monitoring</b><br><b>Moderators leading the session:</b><br><b>Prof. dr Izabela Korona-Głowniak; dr Agnieszka E. Laudy, dr Monika Jach</b>   |
| <b>14:00 - 14:30</b> | <b>PLENARY LECTURE V</b><br><b>Prof. dr François Rineau, Nier Su, Mwahija Zubery, Wouter Reijns, Maria Moreno-Druet, Nadia Soudzilovskaya U. Hasselt: "Exploring microbial shifts under climate change simulation".</b>  |
|                      | <b>REFERENCES</b>  |
| <b>14:30 - 14:45</b> | <b>Presentation 15</b><br><b>Dr habil. Agnieszka Kuźniar, prof. KUL Anna Kruczyńska, Angelika Kliszcz, Weronika Goraj, Artur Banach, Tomasz Lenard, Marcin Skowronek, Anna Sochaczewska, Agnieszka, Podlewski Jacek, Słomczewski Andrzej, Wolińska, Rafał Łopucki, Catholic University of Lublin: „Interactive environmental metabarcoding in microbial biodiversity research”</b> |
| <b>14:45 - 15:00</b> | <b>Presentation 16</b><br><b>Dr habil. Ewa Oleńska, Wanda Małek, Anna Gałaska, Małgorzata Woźniak, S. Thijs, Małgorzata Wójcik, Jaco Vangronsveld, University of Białystok: "Bacterial microbiome of white clover (<i>Trifolium repens</i> L.) growing on the 130-yrs-old Zn-Pb-Cd waste heap in southern Poland"</b>  |
| <b>15:00 - 15:15</b> | <b>Presentation 17 - participant in the competition for young scientists</b><br><b>Mgr Paula Rożen, Francesc Coll, Karol Makuch, Marta Zapotoczna, University of Warsaw: "Genetic determinants of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> adhesiveness to fibrinogen and fibronectin and associations between these phenotypes and patients' manifestation"</b>                               |
| <b>15:15 - 15:30</b> | <b>Presentation 18 - participant in the competition for young scientists</b><br><b>MSc Aleksandra Horbowicz-Teresinska, , Martyna Moryl, Małgorzata Marczak, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University: " Three enzymes – two reactions: functional analyses of three glycosyltransferases in the context of complex rhizobial exopolysaccharide biosynthesis"</b>                         |
| <b>15:30 - 15:45</b> | <b>Discussion</b>  |
| <b>15:45 - 16:05</b> | <b>Coffee / technical break (discussion of the Competition Commissions evaluating presentations and posters of young scientists)</b>   |
| <b>16.05 - 16:25</b> | <b>CONCLUDING REMARKS and LECTURE</b><br><b>Prof. dr Adam Jaworski: : University of Łódź "Human population metagenome"</b>   |
| <b>16:25 - 17:00</b> | <b>Closing ceremony:</b><br><b>AWARD PRESENTATION,</b><br><b>SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE</b>  |

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##### BEST PRESENTATION

**dr habil. Agnieszka E. Laudy** – chairwoman of the commission

dr habil. Jolanta Joniec, prof. UP,

dr habil. Jolanta Kutkowska, prof. UMCS,

dr habil. Aleksandra Obrepalska-Steplowska, prof. IOR-IB,

dr habil. Anna Pytlak,

dr Sławomir Sułowicz

##### BEST POSTER:

**prof. dr habil. Krystyna Cybulska** – chairwoman of the commission

dr habil. Justyna Bohacz, prof. UP,

dr Monika Jach,

dr Beata Kowalska,

dr habil. Anna Szafranek-Nakonieczna,

prof. dr habil. Agnieszka Wolna-Maruwka

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