FEMS Research Grantees 2017 (RTG2017-1 and RTG2017-2)

Over two rounds of applications, in 2017 FEMS awarded 53 Research and Training Grants (RTG) totalling EUR 157,700

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<td>Characterizing genetic and pathogenic diversity of Pseudomonas syringae isolates from Serbia</td>
<td>01/04/2017 to 30/06/2017</td>
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<td>Purification and characterization of novel bacterial laccases in Pseudomonas strains as potential biocatalysts</td>
<td>01/03/2017 to 24/05/2017</td>
<td>Evangelos Topakas, National Technical University of Athens, School of Chemical Engineering, Biotechnology Laboratory, Athens, Greece</td>
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<td>Target identification of Aedes aegypti PIWI interacting RNAs through CLASH (crosslinking, ligation and sequencing of hybrids)</td>
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<td>The establishment of human intestinal organoids to model the pathophysiology of multi-drug-resistant Enterococcus faecium</td>
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<td>Rob Willems, Associate Professor, Department of Medical Microbiology, University Medical Center Utrecht, The Netherlands</td>
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<td>Microbial survival on different wooden surfaces</td>
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<td>Prof. dr Miha Humar, Department of Wood Science and Technology, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia</td>
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<td>Construction of bioreactor for removing of the xenoestrogens and biosensor for their assay</td>
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<td>Prof. Dr. Maciej Wnuk, Interfaculty Campus of Institute of Applied Biotechnology and Basic Sciences, Rzeszow University, Poland,</td>
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<td>Sequencing and transfer of small RNAs from membrane vesicles of Pseudomonas aeruginosa</td>
<td>06/02/2017 to 23/03/2017</td>
<td>Dr. Udo Bläsi, Dept. of Microbiology, University of Vienna, Austria</td>
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<td>Kiril Mihajlov</td>
<td>Macedonian Microbiological Society</td>
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<td>Clostridium difficile Strains Associated with Nosocomial Infections</td>
<td>27/02/2017 to 30/04/2017</td>
<td>Prof Dr Maja Rupnik, National laboratory for health, environment and food, Maribor, Slovenia</td>
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<td>Comparative metagenomics of bifidobacteria within the infant gut microbiota</td>
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<td>Increasing efficiency of mesophilic bacteria during bioleaching of metals from secondary resources</td>
<td>25/04/2017 to 25/06/2017</td>
<td>Dr. Stoyan Gaydardzhiev, Mineral Processing and Recycling Unit, University of Liege, Belgium</td>
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<td>Attraction of Beneficial Soil Bacteria through Cultivar-specific Secondary Plant Metabolites</td>
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<td>Dr. Silke Ruppe, Leibniz-Institute for Vegetable and Ornamental Crops, Germany</td>
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<td>&quot;Characterizing the volatile metabolome of seaweed-bacteria interactions&quot;</td>
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<td>Yeast-bacterial interactions: Effects of yeasts on the growth and behaviour of Pseudomonas bacteria</td>
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<td>Proposed role of the plasma membrane transporter Pdr12p in the Kluyveromyces marxianus weak acid response</td>
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<td>Analysis of herpes simplex virus 1 miRNA biogenesis and the dynamic changes in miRNA expression after reactivation in cells latently infected with MHV-68 induced with hypoxia</td>
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<td>Characterization of bacteriophages active against nosocomial multidrug-resistant strains of Klebsiella, Acinetobacter, Escherichia AND Pseudomonas sp., isolated from Belgrade wastewaters</td>
<td>20/03/2017 to 16/06/2017</td>
<td>Olivia McAuliffe, PhD, <a href="mailto:olivia.mcauliffe@teagasc.ie">olivia.mcauliffe@teagasc.ie</a>, Cultures, Fermentation and Biotransformation,</td>
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<td>Pasquale Filannino</td>
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<td>Metabolism of phenolics by lactic acid bacteria: a comprehensive snapshot through transcriptomic, phenomic and metabolomic approaches</td>
<td>09/03/2017 to 15/04/2017</td>
<td>Prof. Dr. Sascha Rohn, Institute of Food Chemistry, Hamburg School of Food Science, University of Hamburg, Germany</td>
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<td>Study of the torradovirus RNA2-ORF1 functional domains and its interactions with plant host proteins</td>
<td>16/06/2017 to 15/09/2017</td>
<td>Dr. Massimo Turina, Istituto per la Protezione Sostenibile delle Piante, Laboratory of Dr. Massimo Turina, Torino, Italy</td>
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<td>Lipid droplets in squalene accumulating yeast cells</td>
<td>01/10/2017 to 15/11/2017</td>
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<td>Antibiotic Resistance Genes Dissemination through Phage-Bacteria Ecological Network Pathways</td>
<td>01/06/2017 to 31/08/2017</td>
<td>Professor Andres Moya, Genomics and Health Area, FISABIO Foundation, Valencia, Spain</td>
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<td>Implication of cellulose and cellulase in Quorum sensing of Rhizobium</td>
<td>18/01/2017 to 22/02/2017</td>
<td>Dr. Andrea Squartini, Dipartimento Di Agronomia Animali Alimenti Risorse Naturali E Ambiente, Legnaro, Italy</td>
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<td>&quot;Permeability of small molecules across toxins secreted by Bacillus spp.:</td>
<td>29/06/2017 to 29/09/2017</td>
<td>Prof.Dr. Mathias Winterhalter, Biophysical Chemistry Lab, Jacobs University Bremen, Germany</td>
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<td>Conall Holohan</td>
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<td>Uncovering the microbiology and the kinetics underpinning the anaerobic digestion of lipids.</td>
<td>17/04/2017 to 14/07/2017</td>
<td>Dr. Diana Sousa, Laboratory of Microbiology, Wageningen, the Netherlands</td>
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<td>Efficient conversion of lignocellulose-based substrate by Dekkera and other yeasts</td>
<td>04/09/2017 To 04/12/2017</td>
<td>Professor Hrvoje Petković, Laboratory of Biotechnology, Microbiology and Food Safety, Ljubljana, Slovenia</td>
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<td>Molecular proteomics (MALDITOF/MS) approach for the detection of flea borne pathogens.</td>
<td>29/08/2017 to 26/11/2017</td>
<td>Professor Philippe URMITE, University Hospital Institute Méditerranée Infection, Faculté de Médecine de Marseille, France</td>
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<td>New insights in the NifA control of Bradyrhizobium diazoefficiens denitrification genes</td>
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<td>Mining metagenome data from Western Balkans glacial lakes sediments</td>
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<td>Development of a method for the detection of MCR-1 colistin-resistance in Gram-negative bacteria</td>
<td>20/11/2017 to 16/02/2018</td>
<td>Professor Roberto Marcello La Ragione, Department of Pathology and Infectious Diseases, Guildford, UK</td>
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<td>Phylogenetic and biochemical classification of soil bacteria</td>
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<td>TIMInG (Transplantation in Multipartite Genome)</td>
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<td>DsrL an iron-sulfur flavoprotein essential for dissimilatory sulfur oxidation in A. vinosum</td>
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<td>Monitoring phenotypic heterogeneity and population dynamics during biofilm development</td>
<td>15/09/2017 to 15/12/2017 (postponed to 8/12/2018 to 8/04/2018)</td>
<td>Lars Jelsbak, Infection Microbiology Dept of Biotechnology and Biomedicine, Lyngby, Denmark</td>
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<td>Artilyssation to improve antibacterial activity of phage lytic proteins against Staphylococcus aureus</td>
<td>01/10/2017 to 30/Nov/2017 (postponed to 01/02/2018 to 31/03/2018)</td>
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<td>In silico studies of new quorum-quenching compounds to combat</td>
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<td>The role of thermophilic microorganisms in plant biomass degradation in a C-rich thermal site</td>
<td>15/01/2018 to 15/04/2018</td>
<td>Prof. Dr. Michael Schloter, Research Unit for Comparative Microbiome Analysis at the Helmholtz Zentrum München, Germany</td>
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<td>Mapping the dynamic influences of gut microbiome on enteric virus infection</td>
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<td>Omry Koren, Koren Lab, Faculty of Medicine, Bar-Ilan University, Israel</td>
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<td>Reaction Mechanisms of Sulfur Oxygenases</td>
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<td>Study of a TetR-like protein of Mycobacterium tuberculosis: isolation of a ΔRv1685c mutant strain</td>
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<td>Application of different genetic methodologies for manipulating bacteriophages against Pseudomonas aeruginosa</td>
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<td>Characterization of the Putative Multidrug ABC Transporter Lmo2745 from Listeria monocytogenes</td>
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