



FEMS ALUMNI BULLETIN

Dear {contact.first_name},

Happy 2022! This is our first Bulletin for the year in which you can find all the latest developments at FEMS, including our events, grants and awards, journal news and opportunities in microbiology.

All the best,

Eleni Koursari, Science Communications Officer

Abstract Submission Deadline is extended!



We have extended the abstract submission deadline for our Conference in Belgrade until 2 February 2022, 23:59 CET! Are you ready to submit?

We are welcoming a range of abstract topics from environmental and food microbiology to plant microbiology and biotechnology, infection, and antimicrobial resistance.

Submit your abstract

#FEMSmicroBlog, Podcast & Opportunities Board



#FEMSmicroBlog: Does the Omicron variant force us to start all over again?

As a new variant of concern, Omicron joins the already established group of Delta, Alpha, Beta and Gamma of SARS-CoV-2 mutants. In this #QuarantineDiary blog, Sarah Wettstadt explains what is currently known about the new variant and why experts push for booster vaccinations.

Read this blog



Podcast episode: New bacteria from last year and the transition from academia to scicomms freelancing with Sarah Wettstadt

Listen to our first Microbes and Us podcast episode of 2022! Featuring Sarah Wettstadt, scientist turned science communicator, freelancer and Director of [MicroComms](#) business.

**Listen to
this episode**



Are you looking for a job in Microbiology? Then look at our Opportunities Board

Some of the positions
with approaching
deadlines:

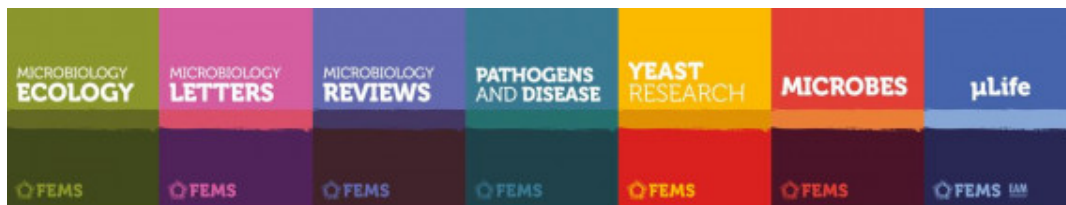
1. [Postdoc on SARS-CoV-2 Virology: Australia](#)

2. [Five research positions in Environmental Microbiology: Belgium](#)

3. [Postdoc in Multi-omics and Genetics of Methanogens: Denmark](#)

**Post your
opportunity**

FEMS Journal News



Call for papers in FEMS journals

• [Emerging role of chromatin remodeling in the persistence and elimination of microbial pathogens](#) • [Extracellular Vesicles](#) • [Advances in the Study of Obligate Intracellular Bacterial Pathogens](#) • [Lex Scheffers memorial issue on Yeast Physiology and Metabolism](#) • [Making the Invisible Visible in STEMM](#) • [Bacterial Pathogenesis \(BacPath\)](#) • [Microbial Food and Feed Ingredients](#)

Publish Open Access for free in FEMS Journals

Oxford University Press, our publishing partner, has a growing number of Read and Publish agreements with institutions and consortia which provide funding for open access publishing. This means authors from participating institutions can publish open access whereby the institution pays the charge.

Recently new agreements with Institutions from Australia and New Zealand (CAUL affiliated) have been made and later this year funding will become available for researchers at Polish Institutes (ICM consortium).

Find out if your institution is participating in Read and Publish

New Thematic Issue in *Pathogens & Disease*: Obligat e Intracellular Bacterial Pathogens

This Thematic Issue is a collection of review and primary research articles covering diverse facets of the biology of obligate intracellular bacterial pathogens, as well as methodological aspects including disease modeling and advances in applying tractable genetic tools to the study of these fastidious and fascinating microbes. We hope that this Thematic Issue will provide insights and perspectives into the biology of obligate intracellular bacterial pathogens, despite the significant technical hurdles involved in their study.

Read this Thematic Issue

Grants Corner

We use the income from our [FEMS Journals](#) to fund our Grants. We are so happy that through our grants we are able to help so many microbiologists each year to advance their career and gain unique experiences!

Industry Placement Grant

- To allow Early Career Scientists to acquire experience in industry
- All industries relevant for microbiology qualify, including non-laboratory research
- Max support €5,000
- **Deadlines 1 Feb and 1 August 2022**

More details

Meeting Organizer Grant

- For virtual and in-person meetings happenig 1 Dec 2022 to 30 Nov 2023
- Members of any FEMS Member Society can apply
- Max support €15,000
- **Deadline 1 June 2022**

More details

Meeting Attendance Grant

- To enable Early Career Scientists to attend microbiology meetings worldwide
- Max support €600
- **Deadline 1 March 2022**

More details

Awards Corner



Nominate someone for the FEMS-Lwoff Award

Nominations for the 2023 FEMS-Lwoff Award are now open until the deadline of 10 March 2022, 23:59 PM CET.

The FEMS-Lwoff Award aims to award those that create high quality knowledge that helps solving today's societal problems around microbiology. Winners receive a prize-lecture at the opening ceremony of FEMS2023 – with up to five free registrations to the 10th FEMS Congress, the opportunity to present research to the wider microbiology community via the FEMS Journals and FEMS communication channels, a commemorative silver medal and an honorarium of €1.000.

[More about this award](#)



Apply now for the FEMS-Jensen Award

Applications for the Jensen Award are now open until the deadline of 1 March 2022, 23:59 PM CET.

The FEMS-Jensen Award helps early career scientists, showing significant potential, in establishing their research career. The award comprises a fellowship for spending at least half a year in an outstanding research laboratory chosen by the applicant. The maximum award amounts to €10,000.

[More about this award](#)

Stories from our FEMS Community



Research and Training grantee Joris Alkemade

"For my FEMS Research and Training visit I went to the plant pathology lab of the Department of Agricultural and Food Sciences of the University of Bologna...I wanted to get more experience in analyzing big genomic datasets. With help from my host supervisor, Prof. Riccardo Baroncelli, I succeeded but I still want to learn more! The grant gave me the opportunity to visit another lab in a different city. This gave me a lot of experience in my research field but also let me experience the Italian lifestyle."

Read Joris full testimony



***Pathogens & Disease* awardees, Francesca Torelli and Stephanie Nofal**

Pathogens & Disease awarded two talk prizes at ToxoUK. Francesca Torelli received the best PostDoc talk and Stephanie Nofal the runner-up.

We interviewed both about their research and future goals, answers which you can find on our website.

**Read
Francesca's and
Stephanie's
interview**



Welcome to our new colleague, Louiza Loizou

We are happy to have expanded our team with an excellent finance assistant! Before joining FEMS, Louiza completed her accounting studies and alongside her current role she will work towards her ACCA qualification.

**Meet the FEMS
team**

Our YouTube Channel is Expanding!



IMD2021 video playlist

All the sessions and talks from our International Microorganism Day 2021 24-hour live stream are available for all to see! Watch amazing content ranging from museum and brewery tours to sessions on art and science!

Access the playlist



Watch our most recent webinar

Our last *FEMS Microbiology Ecology* webinar for 2021 was a huge success! The topic was on Approaches, Methods and Challenges in Microbiome Research. In case you missed it, the recording is now available.

Watch this webinar



We film at the DMS Congress

Our Communications Team attended and filmed the Danish Microbiological Society (DMS) Congress. They interviewed keynote presenters, organizers and poster presenters and captured a diverse range of science.

Watch the videos

We Need Your Opinion!

Share your views on FEMS! Participate now in a research programme to help us better understand FEMS' reputation.

Your feedback will help us to finetune our activities to the needs of stakeholders of our organization like you. Please take 5 minutes to complete questions about how you view our organization.

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