

## Report from the Annual Congress of the Danish Microbiological Society (DMS2021)

With largest number of participants and the largest number of abstracts ever, the DMS2021 Congress was a great success. 407 participants from mainly Denmark attended the congress, 140 abstracts were submitted and 128 posters were presented during the congress programme.

The scientific programme consisted of six main sessions:

- Multidimensional approaches towards diagnosing and treating persistent infections
- Molecular mechanisms in microbes
- Microbial Food Safety
- Necrotizing soft tissue infections (flesh-eating bacteria)
- Microbial remediation of water at trace pollutant concentrations
- Novel research frontiers in marine science

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

- “The two-edged sword of antibiotics: climate change in miniature” by Martin Blaser, United States
- “SARS-coronavirus-2 origin tracing” by Thea Kølsen Fisher, Denmark
- “Microbial Ecology in the Green Transition” by Mette Haubjerg Nicolaisen, Denmark

In addition, three flash poster presentations were selected among the submitted abstracts for five 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 for two flash poster presentation prizes.

The best flash poster presentations were selected by the DMS Board and received the ISME poster award during the closing session of DMS2021.

The winners of the Best Poster Awards were Rafael Pinilla, University of Copenhagen, Denmark and Casper Thorup, Aarhus University, Denmark.

The Danish Microbiological Society (DMS) would like to thank ISME for the support and their contribution to making the DMS2021 Congress such a great success.