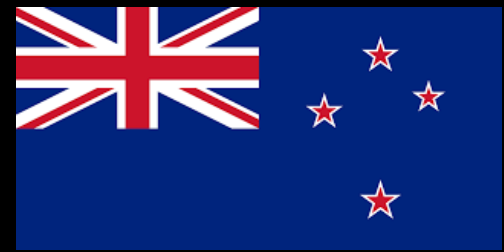


Aotearoa New Zealand



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**New Zealand Microbial
Ecology Consortium
(NZMEC) symposium v6:
University of Auckland,
Aotearoa New Zealand.
20-21 Feb, 2020**

ISME has sponsored two events in New Zealand over the last 24 months:

- **8th International Conference on Polar and Alpine Microbiology (PAM) and Workshop** (University of Waikato, 4-8th Feb 2019), and the
- **Biennial New Zealand Microbial Ecology Consortium (NZMEC) symposium v6.0** at the University of Auckland (20-21st Feb 2020).

At these, ISME sponsored sessions with microbial ecology-focussed themes, and included diverse presentations by a international plenaries and local invited speakers.

More than half of the research presented in these sessions was by local ECR scientists, including 17 three-min flash talks at NZMEC symposium given by PhD, MSc and PD researchers.