



ISME Supported Meeting

“The microbial diversity and functioning of forest soil ecosystems”

Prague, September 26-27, 2019

Meeting report

The meeting “The microbial diversity and functioning of forest soil ecosystems” was held in the Institute of Microbiology of the Czech Academy of Sciences in Praha, Czech Republic on September 26-27. In total, there were 24 presenting authors – invited guest speakers from the USA, France, Norway, Sweden and Germany and young microbial ecologists from across Europe. In addition to the scientific programme, young microbiologists were offered the opportunity to interact with distinguished speakers during an informal social evening where they discussed not only their results, but also the problems they are facing in their scientific career. The meeting was attended by more than 60 persons mainly from the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Central and Eastern Europe. All participants liked the specific focus on forest soil processes as well as the breadth of the covered topics, from pure bioinformatics through plant-microbe interactions to the pure and applied microbial ecology.

The support from the ISME Ambassador fund is intended to cover the costs of accommodation for the invited speakers Adina Howe (USA), Lucas Ausec (France), Ulisses Nunez da Rocha (Germany), René Kallies (Germany), Andreas Schneider (Sweden) and Simon Law (Sweden). The remaining costs of their travel were kindly supported by the Czech Academy of Sciences. The visibility of ISME was ensured by a short address of Petr Baldrian, the ISME Ambassador for the Czech Republic. ISME materials were distributed among participants. ISME was also advertised in a “Sponsors loop” presentation running during all session breaks and distribution of materials received from the ISME office.

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