

European bioresource collections meet in Braunschweig in September

*Main focus of the 40th ECCO meeting:
"New Horizons in Accessing Microbial
Diversity"*

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- From 27 to 29 September 2022, the Leibniz Institute DSMZ-German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures will host the 40th annual meeting of the European Culture Collections' Organisation (ECCO). The meeting will be chaired by the Scientific Director of the DSMZ, microbiologist Prof. Jörg Overmann. The focus of this year's meeting is "New Horizons in Accessing Microbial Diversity". The renowned event will take place in the conference centre of the Steigenberger Parkhotel in Braunschweig, Lower Saxony. Further information is available at <https://www.dsmz.de/ecco-2022/>.

The Leibniz Institute DSMZ is the world's most diverse bioresource collection and is one of the members of ECCO, which was founded in 1981.

The association of bioresource collections promotes collaboration between institutions as well as knowledge transfer in the field of cultivation and conservation of bioresources.

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