

120 European researchers in Braunschweig: European Bioresource Collections meet in the Lion City from 27 to 29 September

Focus of the 40th ECCO meeting: "New Horizons in Accessing Microbial Diversity"

BRAUNSCHWEIG, LOWER SAXONY, GERMANY, September 23, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Around 120 researchers from 17 European countries, the Philippines and Brazil will meet from 27 to 29 September 2022 for the 40th annual meeting of the European Culture Collections' Organisation (ECCO). The conference program features five keynote lectures and 19 talks in five sessions, as well as 44 scientific poster (presentations). The conference president is the Scientific Director of the Leibniz Institute DSMZ-German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures, microbiologist Prof. Dr. Jörg Overmann. The focus of this year's ECCO Annual Meeting is "New Horizons in Accessing Microbial Diversity". The internationally renowned event will take place in the machine hall of the Steigenberger Parkhotel in Braunschweig, Lower Saxony. Further information and the program are available at <https://www.dsmz.de/ecco-2022/>.



Logo ECCO meeting



Prof. Dr. Jörg Overmann, Scientific Director Leibniz Institute DSMZ and chair of the ECCO XL meeting

The scientific program of the 40th ECCO Congress will be opened on 28 September at 9.00 a.m. by Prof. Dr. Jörg Overmann together with Dr. Gerard J. M. Verkleij, ECCO President from Utrecht in the Netherlands. The scientific program will end on 29 September. After the 40th ECCO meeting, there will be a guided tour for the participants through the DSMZ laboratories on the

Science Campus Braunschweig-Süd on 30 September. The Leibniz Institute DSMZ-German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures is hosting this year's annual meeting of the European Culture Collections' Organisation (ECCO). A city tour completes the ECCO program.

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 Leibniz Institute DSMZ looks back on a 53-year history. More than 80,000 bioresources are investigated, collected and supplied to scientific institutions here. The research-based bioresource collection supplies around 40,000 bioresources annually to around 4,100 customers in 82 countries. 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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