

# Honoured: Markus Göker from the Leibniz Institute DSMZ received the internationally renowned Bergey Award

BRAUNSCHWEIG, LOWER SAXONY, GERMANY, December 13, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- On the occasion of the fifth BISMis conference in Guangzhou, China, Associate Professor Dr. Markus Göker recently received the internationally renowned Bergey Award in recognition of his achievements in the field of bacterial taxonomy. Markus Göker has been working at the Leibniz Institute DSMZ-German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures since 2008. He is the fifth DSMZ scientist to be honoured by the Bergey Trust. Before him, Dr. Hans Hippe (2003), Prof. Dr. Erko Stackebrandt (2009), Prof. Dr. Hans Peter Klenk (2014) and Dr. Peter Schumann (2019) were honoured with a Bergey Award or the Bergey Medal, respectively.



Prof. Dr. Martha Trujillo (right), president of the Bergey's Trust hands over the Bergey Award to Dr. Markus Göker; Source: BISMis 2023 ([www.BISMis2023.com](http://www.BISMis2023.com))

Markus Göker studied at the Eberhard Karls University Tübingen, where he obtained his PhD in 2003 and his Habilitation in 2008. Göker has been working at the Leibniz Institute DSMZ since 2008. His research areas are the nomenclature of prokaryotes and taxonomy. He is head of the Phylogenomics and Nomenclature Group at the DSMZ since 2021. Markus Göker's list of publications includes 395 articles published in peer-reviewed journals and cited at least 31,304 times by other scientists. He was Web of Science Highly Cited Researcher in the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. Dr Göker is in charge of the List of Prokaryotic Names with Standing in Nomenclature (LPSN) and the Type (Strain) Genome Server (TYGS) at the DSMZ. Markus Göker is Secretary of the Judicial Commission of the International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes (ICSP) and contributes to its judicial opinions and to public debates on the International Code of Nomenclature of Prokaryotes (ICNP). He is a member of the editorial board of the prestigious International Journal of Systematic and Evolutionary Microbiology.

The Bergey Trust confers the Bergey Award to scientists who have published outstanding contributions to the taxonomy of bacteria. The Trust, Award and Medal are named after the physician and bacteriologist David Hendricks Bergey. The Bergey Trust was founded in 1936 to support the publication of the Bergey Manual of Determinative Bacteriology and other reference literature.

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