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Jean-Claude Piffaretti, President of the Federation of European Microbiological Societies

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Rare earth metals are essential for methanotrophic life in volcanic mudpots

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Environmental Microbiology

Spore formation in *Bacillus subtilis*

Irene S. Tan, Kumaran S. Ramamurthi

Environmental Microbiology Reports

DNA-based species delimitation in algae

Frederik Leliaert, Heroen Verbruggen, Pieter Vanormelingen, Frederique Steen, Juan M. López-Bautista, Giuseppe C. Zuccarello & Olivier De Clerck

European Journal of Phycology

Exploiting the fungal highway: development of a novel tool for the *in situ* isolation of bacteria migrating along fungal mycelium

Anaele Simon, Saskia Bindschedler, Daniel Job, Lukas Y. Wick, Sevasti Filippidou, Wafa M. Kooli, Eric P. Verrecchia, Pilar Junier

FEMS Microbiology Ecology

Bacteriophage exploitation of bacterial biofilms: phage preference for less mature targets?

Stephen T. Abedon

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Influenza A virus transmission via respiratory aerosols or droplets as it relates to pandemic potential

Mathilde Richard, Ron A.M. Fouchier

FEMS Microbiology Reviews

Replacement of the initial steps of ethanol metabolism in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* by ATP-independent acetylating acetaldehyde dehydrogenase

Barbara U. Kozak, Harmen M. van Rossum, Matthijs S. Niemeijer, Marlous van Dijk, Kirsten Benjamin, Liang Wu, Jean-Marc G. Daran, Jack T. Pronk, Antonius J.A. van Maris

FEMS Yeast Research

Biofilm formation by *Staphylococcus hominis* strains isolated from human clinical specimens

Ewa Szczuka, Kinga Telega, Adam Kaznowski

Folia Microbiologica

Quality and Composition of Red Wine Fermented with *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* as Sole Fermentative Yeast, and in Mixed and Sequential Fermentations with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

Santiago Benito, Felipe Palomero, Laura Gálvez, Antonio Morata, Fernando Calderón, Daniel Palmero, José Antonio Suárez-Lepe

Food Technology and Biotechnology

Characterization of oleaginous yeasts accumulating high levels of lipid when cultivated in glycerol and their potential for lipid production from biodiesel-derived crude glycerol

Pirapan Polburee, Wichien Yongmanitchai, Noppon Lertwattanasakul, Takao Ohashi, Kazuhito Fujiyama, Savitree Limtong

Fungal Biology

Habitat models of wood-inhabiting fungi along a decay gradient of Norway spruce logs

Tiina Rajala, Tero Tuomivirta, Taina Pennanen, Raisa Mäkipää

Fungal Ecology

Multicenter quality assessment of 16S ribosomal DNA-sequencing for microbiome analyses reveals high inter-center variability

Andreas Hiergeist, Udo Reischl, Priority Program 1656 Intestinal Microbiota Consortium/quality assessment participants, André Gessner

International Journal of Medical Microbiology

Symbiogenesis: the holobiont as a unit of evolution

Ricardo Guerrero, Lynn Margulis, Mercedes Berlanga

International Microbiology

Antimicrobial activity of *Metschnikowia pulcherrima* on wine yeasts

L. Oro, M. Ciani, F. Comitini

Journal of Applied Microbiology

Occurrence and distribution of *Vibrio vulnificus* and *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* – potential roles for fish, oyster, sediment and water

C.E. Givens, J.C. Bowers, A. DePaola, J.T. Hollibaugh, J.L. Jones

Letters in Applied Microbiology

Activation and identification of five clusters for secondary metabolites in *Streptomyces albus* J1074

Carlos Olano, Ignacio García, Aranzazu González, Miriam Rodríguez, Daniel Rozas, Julio Rubio, Marina Sánchez-Hidalgo, Alfredo F. Braña, Carmen Méndez, José A. Salas

Microbial Biotechnology

Increased bactericidal activity of colistin on *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* biofilms in anaerobic conditions

Mette Kolpen, Cecilie F. Appeldorff, Sarah Brandt, Nabi Mousavi, Kasper N. Kragh, Sevtap Aydogan, Haleema A. Uppal, Thomas Bjarnsholt, Oana Ciofu, Niels Høiby, Peter Ø. Jensen

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