



Workshop Draft Programme

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EPSO 6th Workshop on Plants and Microbiomes

Utrecht / NL, 8-9 April 2025

Brussels, 23.9.2024

The EPSO Working Group on Plants and Microbiomes has the pleasure to announce its sixth workshop to take place in Utrecht on 8-9 April 2025.

This sixth workshop has four main themes:

1. Microbiomes of plants / crops – new projects, initiatives and scientific highlights
2. Development of best practices and recommendations - Minimum metadata requirements and pre-analytic parameters
3. New microbiome technologies
4. Coordination of plant microbiome research

The meeting intends to increase collaborations between the working group members. Recommendations from the workshop will be provided to the scientific community, the European Commission and national agencies.

To develop the programme further, we kindly ask you to contribute by submitting a very short outline and indicate to which programme theme / topic this refers, to c.m.j.pieterse@uu.nl until 13 December 2024.

The meeting will be held at Utrecht Science Park, Padualaan 8, 3584 CH Utrecht. In due time we will provide you guidance on registration and hotel booking information. The registration fee will be 50 € for lunch and coffee breaks (meeting rooms are kindly provided by UU). The dinner will be paid directly by each participant.

We look forward to meeting you in April

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Day 1 – Tu, 8 April 2025

- 09:00 Arrival, welcome
- 09:15 Session 1: Microbiomes of wheat and other **cereals** – new projects, initiatives and scientific highlights
- 10:45 Coffee Break
- 11:10 Session 2: Microbiomes of soybean and other **legumes** – new projects, initiatives and scientific highlights
- 12:40 Lunch
- 13:30 Session 3: Microbiomes of **potato** – new projects, initiatives and scientific highlights
- 14:20 Session 4: Microbiomes of **trees** – new projects, initiatives and scientific highlights
- 15:10 Coffee Break
- 15:40 Session 5: Microbiomes of **fruits and vegetables** – new projects, initiatives and scientific highlights
- 16:30 Session 6: Follow-up discussions of “MICROBE/EPSO workshop on minimal **metadata requirements** and critical **pre-analytical parameters** for plant microbiome samples”
- 17:30 End of Day 1

Day 2 – We, 9 April 2025

- 09:00 Session 6: **New microbiome technologies** (including AI, machine learning) and discoveries
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 11:00 Session 7: Is there a need to better **coordinate plant microbiome research?**
Plenary and group discussions, followed by report to plenary
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:00 Wrap-up and final discussion (next steps, future directions of WG etc.)
- 14:00 End of meeting

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