

MIRRI-ERIC National Coordinators Forum Elects New Vice-Chairs



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Braga (Portugal), 13th of October 2023 – In a momentous milestone for the Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure (MIRRI-ERIC), the National Coordinators Forum (NCF) has recently appointed Rosa Aznar and Jean-Luc Legras as Vice-Chairs for the term spanning 2023 to 2025. This development assumes paramount importance within the MIRRI-ERIC framework, where the NCF plays a pivotal role in bolstering the initiatives undertaken by the organization. The NCF, composed of the Executive Director, Ana Portugal Melo, and the National Coordinator from each member country, occupies a central position in orchestrating MIRRI activities on the national scale. Its primary function involves facilitating the smooth collaboration between MIRRI and its partner organizations, all the while providing unwavering support to the Executive Director.

The newly elected Vice-Chairs, Rosa Aznar and Jean-Luc Legras, are poised to play a crucial role alongside the NCF Chair and Executive Director. Together, they will spearhead the oversight of the development and implementation of MIRRI's Work Program. This dynamic leadership structure ensures a comprehensive approach to steering the organization's objectives.

The significance of Rosa Aznar and Jean-Luc Legras assuming their roles as Vice-Chairs cannot be overstated, signifying a noteworthy stride forward for MIRRI-ERIC. As MIRRI-ERIC continues to be at the forefront of pioneering advancements in microbial resource research, the election of these accomplished individuals underscores the organization's commitment to excellence and innovation.

**ABOUT MIRRI-ERIC:**

The **Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure – European Research Infrastructure Consortium (MIRRI-ERIC)** is the pan-European distributed Research Infrastructure for the preservation, systematic investigation, provision and valorisation of microbial resources and biodiversity. It brings together ~50 microbial domain Biological Resource Centres (mBRCs), culture collections and research institutes. MIRRI serves the bioscience and the bioindustry communities by facilitating the access, through a single point, to the broadest range of high-quality microorganisms, their derivatives, associated data and services, with a special focus on the domains of Health & Food, Agro-Food, and Environment & Energy. By serving its users, by collaborating with other research infrastructures and by working with public authorities and policy makers, MIRRI contributes to the advancement of research and innovation in life sciences and biotechnology, as well as for a sustainable, competitive and resilient bioeconomy. For more information, please visit www.mirri.org and <https://www.linkedin.com/company/microbial-resource-research-infrastructure/>.

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