

MIRRI-ERIC at 2024 RoBioinfo Conference



Braga (Portugal), 12 of April 2024 – MIRRI-ERIC Executive Director Ana Portugal Melo, at 2024 RoBioinfo Conference hosted by the Romanian Society of Bioinformatics (RSBI) from April 11th to April 13th, 2024, in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Ana Portugal Melo's presentation, titled "Enhancing Microbial Research Through Bioinformatics at MIRRI-ERIC and its Biobanks", happened during the conference's second day, April 12, 2024. Chairing the parallel session on Viral and Microbial Genomics was Cătălina ZENOAGA-BARBĂROȘIE from the University of Bucharest, Romania.

The presentation explored various facets of MIRRI-ERIC's endeavours in microbial research, bioinformatics, and European collaborations. The key topics covered in Ana Portugal Melo's presentation included:

- The foundational principles and mission of MIRRI-ERIC.
- The integral role of bioinformatics in advancing MIRRI-ERIC's objectives.
- Accessing and leveraging the resources provided by MIRRI-ERIC for microbial research.



- MIRRI-ERIC's active involvement in European research projects.
- A showcase of bioinformatics tools developed by MIRRI-ERIC nodes to support research in microbial genomics.

The RoBioinfo Conference serves as a platform for experts, researchers, and industry leaders to exchange knowledge, foster collaborations, and drive innovation in the field of bioinformatics and life sciences.

Ana Portugal Melo's presentation share valuable insights into the intersection of bioinformatics and microbial research, highlighting MIRRI-ERIC's commitment to advancing scientific knowledge and technological innovation in Europe and beyond.

ABOUT MIRRI:

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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