

# Exploring the Microbial Universe: ECCO 2024 Meeting



**Braga (Portugal), 19 April 2024** – The countdown begins for one of the most anticipated events in the field of microbiology as the European Culture Collections' Organisation (ECCO) announces the launch of the official website for the ECCO 2024 Meeting.

Scheduled to be held in the stunning city of Bari, nestled in the Apulia region of Southern Italy, from September 18 to 20, 2024, the ECCO 2024 Meeting promises to be a gathering of minds dedicated to the exploration and understanding of Microbe & Microbiome, crucial components in the quest for a better understanding of biological systems and the promotion of a healthier planet.

Hosted by the Institute of Sciences of Food Production of the National Research Council of Italy (CNR-ISPA), and proudly sponsored by the CNR-ISPA Agri-food Microbial Culture Collection (ITEM) and the International Society on Mycotoxicology, the ECCO 2024 Meeting will delve deep into the study, management, and valorization of Microbe & Microbiome.

With an emphasis on fostering collaboration and sharing of knowledge, the ECCO 2024 Meeting will bring together experts and enthusiasts from around the globe to explore the latest advancements, trends, and challenges in the field of microbiology.

The ECCO 2024 Meeting aims to promote a holistic and integrated approach to the study of microbial resources and Microbial Biological Research Centers (mBRCs), highlighting their pivotal role in supporting basic and applied transdisciplinary sciences, addressing global challenges, and promoting human and animal health within a OneHealth framework.



The ECCO 2024 Meeting will be held at the prestigious University of Bari "Aldo Moro," conveniently located near the central train station and the historic city center, providing attendees with a vibrant backdrop for scientific exchange and collaboration.

For more information and to stay updated on the latest news and developments, please visit the official ECCO 2024 Meeting website at <https://eccomeeting2024.org/>

#### **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](http://www.mirri.org) and <https://www.linkedin.com/company/microbial-resource-research-infrastructure/>.

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