

COST HUPLANTcontrol final meeting – call for abstracts

HuPlantControl (<https://huplantcontrol.igzev.de/>) is a pan-European network of research groups on the impact of plant microbiomes on human health with broad support from industry and regulatory authorities. The network comprises five main topic groups covering the role of the plant microbiome on the ecology of human pathogens (WP1), their taxonomic classification and identification (WP2), human proxy systems to understand their virulence (WP3), the impact of agronomy practices, and direct involvement with stakeholders of industrial and societal relevance for knowledge exchange (WP5). This successful four-year project is concluding (Sept-2021), and to mark the occasion, we are holding a scientific conference. The conference will be held on-line together with the EU project MicrobiomeSupport (<https://www.microbiomesupport.eu/>) **23 – 25 June 2021** (EU-times) and is open to all those with an interest in the area.

You are invited to join this exciting meeting, and present your work as offered oral presentations on **24 June 2021**.

Scope & Themes: The scope is microbes that cause disease in humans that are transmitted in cropping systems, either through the food chain or by direct contact. We include a wide range of topics from microbiology; food, plant & environmental sciences; public health and veterinary science; agronomy; and biocontrol. HuPlantControl has focused on bacterial and fungal pathogens that actively interact with plants and has not considered viruses or parasites that are transmitted in a passive nature. There are two broad themes for the meeting relating to ‘the role of the plant microbiome in spread and control of human pathogens’ or ‘management of human pathogens in plant production systems’. We welcome your primary / secondary research or review-style presentations within these themes.

Format: on-line presentation via MS Teams; 15 minute presentation with 5 minutes for questions; presentations in PDF or PPT format via ‘share-screen’ option on Teams.

Abstracts: submit an abstract of your presentation using the template document (title, authors & affiliations, contact details for the presenting author, main text, selected theme). Send all abstracts to nicola.holden@sruc.ac.uk and Grosch@igzev.de. (All information will only be used in compliance with GDPR and only used in association with this conference).

Deadline: the deadline for submission is **06 June 2021**. All candidates will be notified by 11 June 2021.

Registration: all participants and attendees must register for the meeting by sending a mail to Marieke Forch and Leo van Overbeek (Marieke.forch@wur.nl; leo.vanoverbeek@wur.nl). Deadline for registration is **18 June 2021**.

Template for HuPlantControl final meeting abstracts

Title:

Authors:

Affiliation:

Presenting author & contact information:

Abstract text (max 200 words):

Theme (please check):

- The role of the plant microbiome in spread and control of human pathogens
- Management of human pathogens in plant production systems

Career status (please check):

- Student (undergrad / post-grad e.g. MSc, PhD)
- Post-doctoral
- Research Assistant
- Lecturer / Research Scientist / Group Leader
- Department Head / Professor