



## **Workshop Draft Programme**

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# **EPSO 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop Plants and Microbiomes**

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**The EPSO Working Group on Plants and Microbiomes has the pleasure to announce its fifth workshop to take place in Vienna on 11-12 December 2023.**

This fourth workshop has three main themes:

1. WG progress and reports on major (national & EU) projects and initiatives
2. Development of best practices and recommendations
  1. Topic 1 – Culture collections
  2. Topic 2 – Minimum experimental standards for microbiome analysis
  3. Topic 3 – Simplified systems to measure plant microbiome functions
3. Joint discussion on recommendations for European programmes.

The meeting intends to increase collaborations between the working group members, this time with a focus on best practices and recommendations. 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 [angela.sessitsch@ait.ac.at](mailto:angela.sessitsch@ait.ac.at) until 8 September.

The meeting will be held at AIT HQ in Vienna (Giefinggasse 4, 1210 Vienna). After the summer break we will provide you guidance and hotel booking information. Registration will be with Angela Sessitsch after the summer break. The registration fee will be 50 € for lunch and coffee breaks (meeting rooms are kindly provided by AIT). The dinner will be paid directly by each participant.

We look forward to meeting you in December  
Angela Sessitsch, Paul Schulze-Lefert, Corné Pieterse and Karin Metzlauff

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### **Day 1 (Monday, 11 December 2023) 13:00 – 18:00**

13:00 – 13:10 **Welcome**

13:10 – 14:10 **WG progress and reports on major (national & EU) projects and initiatives**

13:10 – 13:20 WG Progress

13:20 – 13:30 Pitch 1

13:30 – 13:40 Pitch 2

13:40 – 13:50 Pitch 3

13:50 – 14:00 Pitch 4

14:00 – 14:30 **Topic 1 – Culture collections**

14:00 – 14:15 Talk 1

14:15 – 14:30 Talk 2

14:30 – 14:45 **Coffee Break**

14:45 – 16:15 **Topic 1 – Culture collections**

14:45 – 15:45 Break-out group discussions

15:45 – 16:15 Report to plenum & discussion

16:15 – 16:30 **Coffee Break**

16:30 – 17:45 **Topic 2 – Minimum experimental standards for microbiome analysis**

16:30 – 16:45 Talk 1

16:45 – 17:00 Talk 2

17:00 – 18:00 Break-out group discussions

19:00 **Joint Dinner**

### **Day 2 (Tuesday, 12 December 2023) 09:00 – 14:15**

09:00 – 09:30 **Topic 2 – Minimum experimental standards for microbiome analysis**

09:00 – 09:30 Report to plenum & discussion

09:30 – 11:00 **Topic 3 – Simplified systems to measure plant microbiome functions**

09:30 – 09:45 Talk 1

09:45 – 10:00 Talk 2

10:00 – 11:00 Break-out group discussions

11:00 – 11:20 **Coffee Break**

11:20 – 11:50 **Topic 3 – Simplified systems to measure plant microbiome functions**

11:20 – 11:50 Report to plenum & discussion

11:50 – 12:30 **Joint discussions on next steps how to disseminate results**

12:30 – 13:15 **Lunch Break**

13:15 – 14:05 **Joint discussion on recommendations for European programmes**

14:05 – 14:15 **Closure**

## **Links**

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