

This meeting welcomes contributions on any aspect of metaorganism research (**ideas, methods, results**). Presentations **from all disciplines** are welcome, which shed the light on function and origin of metaorganisms. The main benefit will be to mingling different scientific research topics and enhancing interdisciplinary interaction.

Thus, the program has been organized in three sessions, one particular dedicated to methods and techniques. Every session will combine different presentation formats:

- **Traditional talks** (10 min + 5 min discussion)
- **Espresso talks** (2 min + 1 min discussion)

You should upload your presentation on the conference computer latest in the coffee break before the beginning of your session and let the convener know if you need any special material.

- **Poster presentations.** Posters will be displayed during the whole event in the dining room. There will be no certain time point for a classical Poster session. It is up to you, to encourage your colleagues to come to your poster and present your research.

### ***Alternative formats:***

**“Pecha Kucha”** (6 min 40 sec + 5min discussion). Pecha Kucha is the Art of Concise Presentations. The formula is 20 images x 20 seconds (6’40”). In order to give a Pecha Kucha talk, your presentation needs to be timed automatically with each slide shown for 20 seconds (in Power Point, this is done through: TRANSITIONS > Advance Slide >(Tick) After 00:20.00 > Apply to All). The challenge of this kind of presentation is not to provide all aspects of your research, but to generate interest in your work and to stimulate discussions with other conference participants between and after sessions. We suggest simply introducing your subject in a very straightforward way without too many scientific details. Moreover, we recommend taking time to devise very clear and easy slides as the eye cannot register too much in 20 sec. Your presentation will be followed by 5 min of questions

**Old School.** You will give your presentation using only a White board! The presentation should be designed to be entertaining and interactive; the aim is not for you to spend 15 min writing on the board in front of the audience but giving a presentation without the visual help of a computer. Therefore, think carefully about which figures you will need to be drawn during the presentation. You will have 10 min to present followed by 5 min of questions. You should upload your presentation on the conference computer latest in the coffee break before the beginning of your session.

**Science Slam.** Science Slam is a science communication format where scientists explain their research projects in short 15 min presentations that are easy to follow. After the talk, the audience gets to vote. The focus of the Science Slam is not primarily the scientific outcome, but being able to communicate science in an understandable, entertaining and concise way. Live experiments, props and creative, visual presentations are encouraged, allowing the

audience to experience a fully interactive event. Ultimately, the presenters are able to share their science, while the audience is able to experience the enthusiasm of scientists at the forefront of scientific discovery.

It is important to note that in Science Slam, the scientists do not talk about 'textbook knowledge', but they explain individual aspects or fundamentals of their own research projects. Therefore, by choosing to present in this format, you accept the challenge of explaining your (complicated and focused) science in a simple and engaging manner.