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Evolution in the Microbial World

November 23rd 2007

Academies' Palace
Hertogsstraat, 1, Rue Ducale – Brussels

Updated Program

- 08.30 Registration desk open – Poster installation
09.00 Welcome & Opening by the President of BSM
09.10 Nicholas R. Thomson, The Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, Cambridge, UK
Genome flux in the Salmonellae
09.50 Paul M. Sharp, University of Edinburgh, UK
The Origins of contemporary Diversity in Viruses
10.30 Coffee & Poster viewing
11.15 Short communications (2) of selected posters
12.15 Patrick Forterre, Université de Paris-Sud, Site Orsay, France
The Rooting of the Tree of Life: still an open Question
13.00 General Assembly BSM
Lunch – Poster viewing & poster discussion groups

Parallel session 1 – Virology

- 14.30 David Prangishvili, Institut Pasteur, Paris
Viruses of the Archaea: a unifying view
15.15 Short communications (3) of selected posters
16.30 General conclusions and poster prize

Parallel session 2 – Bacteriology: Betaproteobacteria

- 14.30 Peter Vandamme, Laboratory of Microbiology, Ghent University, Belgium
Diversity and Ecology of Burkholderia: Where are we now?
15.00 Catherine Masson, Laboratoire des Interactions Plantes Micro-Organismes,
INRA-CNRS, Castanet-Tolosan, France.
Nitrogen-fixing beta-rhizobia
15.30 Rob Van Houdt, [Molecular & Cellular Biology, SCK/CEN, Mol, Belgium](#)
Plasmids and mobile genetic elements in environmental beta-proteobacteria
15.45 Short communications (2) of selected posters
16.30 General conclusions and poster prize