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Highlights

CURRENT THEMES IN ECOLOGY

"Microbial Power - Impact of Microbial Communities: From Gut to Globe"

(19 November 2015)

Micro-organisms form the largest source of total biomass and biodiversity on our planet. They play a critical role in elemental cycling in natural ecosystems, providing nutrients, clean air and water. Moreover, they are fundamental in the functioning of man-made or managed system. In sharp contrast to their global importance, many basic aspects of microbial communities and their functioning in ecosystems are poorly understood. In this 21st Current Themes in Ecology Symposium, international specialists on the topic will highlight where we stand and how to advance the field so that global challenges can be tackled. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

1. Workshops / Meetings / Symposia

- **EEF Conference: Ecology at the interface (21-25 September 2015)** @ Rome, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Evolutionary Demography Society 2015 Annual Meeting (5-7 October 2015)** @ Lunteren, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Euromarine Foresight Symposium: "Future Coast – Europe" (5-7 October 2015)** @ Berlin, Germany. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Zoology Conference (8-9 October 2015)** @ Amsterdam, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Model-IT Symposium (11-14 October 2015)** @ Wageningen, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Ecosystem Services Partnership Conference (9-13 November 2015)** @ Stellenbosch, South Africa. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **CURRENT THEMES IN ECOLOGY: "Microbial Power - Impact of Microbial Communities: From Gut to Globe" (19 November 2015)** @ Lunteren, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Student conference on Conservation Science (22-24 March 2016)** @ Cambridge, UK. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species (10-13 April 2016)** @ Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Conference: Adaptations Futures - Practices and Solutions (10-13 May 2016)** @ Rotterdam, The Netherlands. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **Conference: Unifying Ecology Across Scales (24-29 July 2016)** @ Biddeford, Maine, USA. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **5th International EcoSummit Congress on Ecological Sustainability (29 August – 1 September 2016)** @ Montpellier, France. For more information, please click [here](#).
- **10th INTECOL International Wetlands Conference (19-24 September 2016)** @ Changshu, China. For more information, please click [here](#).

2. Courses

- **SETAC Summer School "The use of trait-based approaches in Community Ecology and Stress Ecology" (14-25 September 2015)**. For more information and registration, please click [here](#).
- **Tropical Biodiversity and Field Methods (21 September – 18 October 2015)**. For more information and registration, please click [here](#).

- **Life History Theory** (27 September – 2 October 2015). For more information and registration, please click [here](#).
- **Summer School “Agent-based Modelling in Ecology”** (28 September – 9 October 2015). For more information and registration, please click [here](#).
- **In-depth Course Genotype by environment interaction, uniformity and stability** (19-23 October 2015). For more information and registration, please click [here](#).
- **Linking Community and Ecosystem Dynamics** (15-20 November 2015). For more information and registration, please click [here](#).

3. Position Announcements

- For job openings, check [our website](#).

4. Other News

- **NWO Visitor's Travel Grants.** Researchers in the Netherlands can apply for a visitor's grant for highly qualified senior researchers from abroad who hold a PhD. With this grant these researchers can stay in the Netherlands for a maximum of four months. For more information and application click [here](#).

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