

Introduction

The use of microorganism for the benefit of mankind dated back to the Neolithic period (around 10 000 years BC). However, the scientific rationale behind their uses first came to attention in 1665 when a Dutch scientist Anton Van Leeuwenhoek identified microorganisms through the intervention of microscope. Today, microorganisms are utilized in almost every field such as agricultural and aquacultural, food and nutrition, medical and pharmaceutical and also in up-scaled industrial applications. Although various strains of microbes have been identified as beneficial, however much have yet to be discovered, exploited and understood. Initiatives from various research fields are needed to synergistically unfold the great potentials of these microbes.

Our past events (ICOBM-2014 in Penang, Malaysia; ICOBM-2016 in Phuket, Thailand), were successful with over 220 participants from over 25 countries. This event will be continued, and we anticipate that ICOBM-2018 will attract over 300 participants.

Sarawak Biodiversity Center is proud to collaborate with Microbiome Intl. Sdn. Bhd. and Fermetec Resources Sdn. Bhd. in organizing ICOBM-2018 with the aim to bring together and provide a platform for interaction and exchanging research ideas among experts from various fields of beneficial microorganisms. The conference will be held in Kuching, Malaysia from 30th July – 1st August 2018 and will be attended by repute scientists, researchers, academicians, industrial professionals and postgraduate students globally.

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Young Scientists Awards

Young scientists that are competing will be provided FREE REGISTRATION FEE. Based on a first come first served priority. Limited to the first 50 competing young scientists only.

Open to undergraduate or postgraduate students, including those who have graduated not more than one year prior to the deadline for submitting abstracts.

Poster Presentation Awards

Competing categories: i) Food Microbiology, ii) Agri/Aquaculture, and iii) Medical & Health.

The International Committee on Food Microbiology and Hygiene (ICFMH) of the International Union of Microbiological Societies (IUMS) will sponsor the category of Food Microbiology. Winners of this category will receive EUR 250 1st prize, EUR 150 2nd prize and EUR 100 3rd prize.

All our event sponsors will sponsor the categories of Agri/Aquaculture, and Medical & Health. Winners of these categories will receive RM 500 1st prize, RM 250 2nd prize and RM 100 3rd prize.

Oral Presentation Awards

Competing categories: i) Food Microbiology, Science & Technology, ii) Agri/Aquaculture, and iii) Medical & Health.

All our event sponsors will host this competition. Winners will receive RM500 1st prize, RM250 2nd prize and RM100 3rd prize.

In all categories, all top THREE winners will receive certificates.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BENEFICIAL MICROBES

ICOBM-2018

30th July – 1st August 2018

The Waterfront Hotel,
Kuching, Sarawak

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OBJECTIVES

The principal objectives of the conference include:

- To understand, present and discuss the current beneficial contributions of microorganisms in various fields
- To serve as a platform for interaction and exchanging ideas among experts from related-diversed fields
- To enhance collaboration and networking among the participants

SCOPES

- Food Microbiology, Science & Technology
- Medical & Health
- Agri- & Aquaculture

IMPORTANT DATES

- Submission of abstract (1st May 2018)
- Notification of acceptance (Before 1st June 2018)
- Early bird payment (Before 1st July 2018)

DISTINGUSIHED SPEAKERS

- Abdul Salam bin Babji**
(Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia)
- Alexander Haslberger**
(University of Vienna, Austria)
- Dae-Kyung Kang**
(Dankook University, Korea)
- Dzung B Diep**
(Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway)
- Gwénaél Jan**
(INRA, France)
- Heping Zhang**
(Inner Mongolia Agricultural University, China)
- Hiroshi Ohno**
(RIKEN, Japan)
- Jinna Cao**
(Northeast Pharmaceutical Group Co. Ltd., China)
- Jin-Zhong Xiao**
(Morinaga Milk Industry Co. Ltd., Japan)
- Kamariah Long**
(MARDI, Malaysia)
- Saehun Kim**
(Korea University, South Korea)
- Sejong Oh**
(Chonnam National University, South Korea)
- Sudesh Kumar**
(Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia)
- Svetoslav Dimitrov Todorov**
(Sao Paulo University, Brazil)
- Tiong Chia Yeo**
(Sarawak Biodiversity Center, Malaysia)
- Wilhelm Holzapfel**
(Handong Global University, South Korea)
- Woo Sik Jeong**
(Inje University, South Korea)
- Yong-Ha Park**
(Yeungnam University, South Korea)
- You Hee Cho**
(CHA University, South Korea)
- Ying-Chieh Tsai**
(National Yang Ming University, Taiwan)

CONFERENCE FEE

Price (RM)	Early Bird	Normal
Student (Malaysia)	700	1000
Student (international)	1000	1300
Participant (Malaysia)*	1500	1800
Participant (International)*	1800	2100

Fees include

Program book with abstracts, conference proceedings, lunches & coffee breaks.
*Package includes conference dinner & tour

For more information & Registration, please visit:

<http://www.icobm.my/index.php/registration.html>

PROGRAMME

30th July 2018 (Day 1)

- Opening Keynotes
- Oral & Young Scientists Sessions

31st July 2018 (Day 2)

- Oral & Young Scientists Sessions

1st August 2018 (Day 3)

- Oral & Young Scientists Sessions
- Awards Presentation & Closing Ceremony

2nd August 2018 (Day 4)

- Conference Tour