



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT and CALL for Abstracts

We are pleased to announce that the 22nd Biennial Congress of the South African Society of Microbiology will be hosted by Stellenbosch University from 17 – 20 September 2023 at the Protea Hotel Technopark in Stellenbosch, South Africa. The theme is “Culturing Innovation for a Sustainable Future”.

The congress is an opportunity for scientists, researchers, students, and professionals in microbiology to come together and share knowledge and research and explore the latest advancements and innovations in the field. As an attendee, you can network with leading experts and researchers, learn about cutting-edge research, and engage in discussions on a wide range of topics. The congress is designed to attract researchers in all the microbiology fields with a broad range of topics aligned with the congress theme.

The following main topics are proposed:

Microbes and the Environment

- Microbial ecology and biodiversity
- Microbial biogeochemistry and nutrient cycling
- Microbial interactions with plants, animals, and other microbes
- Microbial roles in bioremediation and environmental sustainability
- Microbial response to climate change and other environmental stressors

Microbial Biotechnology and Bioinnovation

- Industrial biotechnology and biomanufacturing
- Synthetic biology and genetic engineering
- Metabolic engineering and bioprocessing
- Microbial bioenergy and biofuels
- Microbial bioinformatics and computational biology

Industrial and Applied Microbiology

- Microbial biocatalysis and enzyme technology
- Fermentation and bioprocessing for food and beverage production
- Microbial control of food spoilage and foodborne pathogens
- Bioremediation and waste management using microorganisms
- Biomedical and pharmaceutical applications of microorganisms

Clinical and Public Health Microbiology

- Microbial pathogenesis and host-microbe interactions
- Diagnosis and treatment of infectious diseases
- Antibiotic resistance and strategies for combating resistance
- Emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases
- Microbial surveillance and outbreak investigations

We hope these topic suggestions will assist your planning for the 2023 SASM congress. We believe that SASM2023 will be an unforgettable experience that will leave you feeling energised and motivated to contribute to the future of microbiology. Please visit the SASM 2023 [website](#) for more information on registration, key dates and the submission of abstracts.

Abstract Submissions:

Abstracts are invited for submission via the online platform:

- Abstracts should be written in English with all the authors and their association(s) listed.
- The body of the abstract may not exceed 300 words. It should describe the general theme of the presentation and a brief overview of the methods and results.
- No references are required in abstracts but should be included in presentations.
- Submission of an abstract does not guarantee acceptance; all abstracts will undergo a systematic review selection process.

Key Dates:

Abstract submissions open	3 March 2023
Registration opens	2 May 2023
Submission deadline for abstracts	22 May 2023
Notification of acceptance/rejection	19 June 2023
Provisional Programme available	3 July 2023
Early bird registration closes	7 July 2023
Registration closes	1 September 2023
Congress dates	17 - 20 September 2023

For more information, please scan the QR code to visit the [website](#)

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