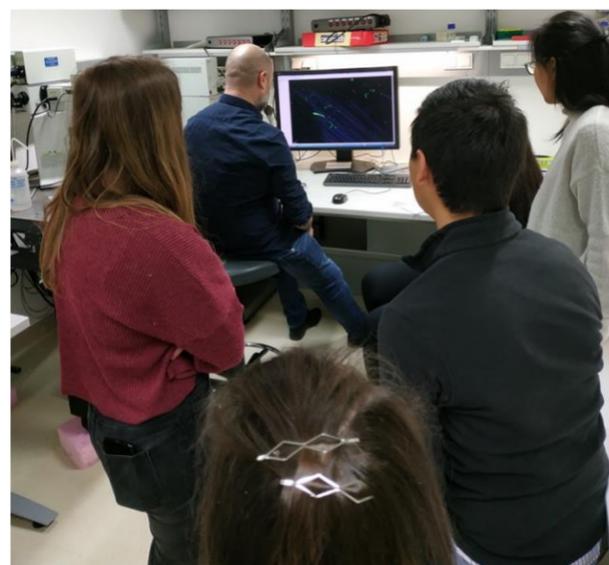


Events/News

MICROMETABOLITE Winter School (AIT, December 2019)

A winter school on “Plant-associated microbiota and secondary metabolite production” was held between December 2nd and 10th, 2019 at the Austrian Institute of Technology, Tulln, Austria. Since AIT was also, directly involved in the organization of the miCROPe conference on “Microbe-assisted crop production” (02-05 December 2019, Vienna), some of the ESRs participated in the conference, representing the MICRO-METABOLITE project.

During winter school, the ESRs had the opportunity to attend various lectures on plant-microbe interactions, as well as to participate in different hands-on workshops, such as DNA isolation of plant microbiomes and microscopy analysis.



ESRs during a hands-on workshop on microscopy analysis at the MICRO-METABOLITE winter school

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Metabolite Production in Plants

Network-wide training event (NWT) on “Career aspects: How to become a well-trained entrepreneurially-minded and mobile researcher?” (IFP, January 2020)

A series of NWT events took place at the Institut für Pflanzenkultur e.K., Schnega, Germany in January 20-24, 2020. The first event was focused on the career opportunities after obtaining the PhD, as well as other topics, such as: understanding H2020 and funding opportunities, writing a successful grant proposal and establishing collaborations. The event was attended also by ESRs from another Marie Curie ITN project (INTERFUTURE), therefore enabling the participants of the two projects to network and interact with each other.



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MICROMETABOLITE winter school
NWT on "Career aspects: How to become a well-trained, entrepreneurially-minded and mobile researcher?"

NWT on "Registration of microbial products"

NWT on "*In vitro* culturing of plants"

4th Annual meeting

1st MICROMETABOLITE virtual summer school

Final Consortium meeting

NWT event on “Registration of microbial products” (IFP, January 2020)

The second NWT event that took place at IFP was related to the registration of microbial products and involved lectures by Falko Feldmann from the Julius Kühn-Institut. The lectures provided the ESRs with important information on the EU regulatory directives regarding plant protection products, such as pesticides.

NWT event on “*In vitro* culturing of plants” (IFP, January 2020)

The third and final event of the NWT series involved lectures and hands-on workshops, where the ESRs had the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience on how to culture plants in a laboratory setting.



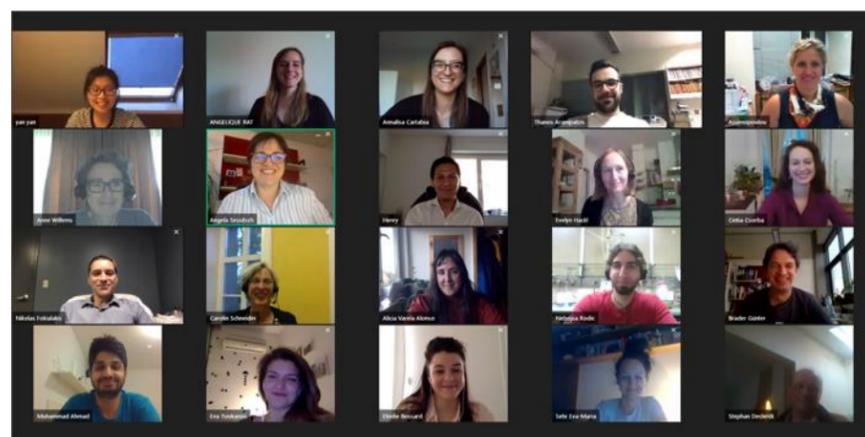
NWT events at IFP, Germany



The MICROMETABOLITE and INTERFUTURE teams at IFP, Germany

4th Annual meeting (May 2020)

Although, the annual meeting was originally planned to be held in Athens, Greece, it took place virtually as a web-based event, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the meeting, ESRs presented the progress of their research, while the individual work packages were discussed and the project progress was assessed. Moreover, it had been decided to activate force majeure and ask for a 6-month project extension (until October 2021).



The MICROMETABOLITE team during the 4th annual meeting

1st Virtual Summer School (July 2020)

The third of the planned summer schools was originally scheduled to be held in Athens, Greece, together with the 4th annual meeting. However due to the COVID-19 restrictions it was organized virtually by N. Fokialakis, Ass. Prof., Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Athens. The summer school involved a series of webinars where different world renowned researchers discussed topics focusing on the field of natural products (ethnopharmacology, biotechnology etc.).

Final Consortium meeting (July 2021)

The final meeting took place virtually, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the meeting, the work package leaders presented the work that had been done over the whole duration of the project and specified what needs to be finalized, before the project is completed this coming fall. The ESRs presented the publications that have occurred or will occur in short time and will be available in highly esteemed open-access journals. Furthermore, potential IP issues and future collaborations were discussed, while a draft version of the ‘MICROMETABOLITE’ movie was presented, which will be completed in the next few months and will be highlighting the results and the impact of the project.



The MICROMETABOLITE team during the final meeting

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