

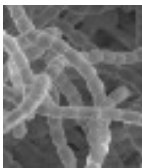
Workshop objectives

The main objectives of the workshop are to define standards and protocols for sharing microbial information i.e. to determine:

- Which microbial data do Microbial Resource Centres (MRCs) want to share with GBIF, how to share it and in which IPR framework
- Which data MRCs want to access from GBIF

The workshop will have two main themes:

- Scientific data on Bacteria/Archeae and Fungi/Yeasts
- Information Technology



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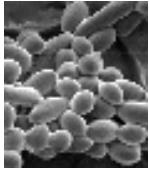
***"Towards a Global Infrastructure for
Microbial Information"***

**Hotel Metropole
27/28 October 2003**

***Electronic conference starts on
the 22th of September***

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Workshop contents

1. Scientific data

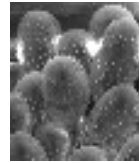
The workshop will contribute to the development of a GBIF general data model that matches the requirements of MRCs, with a special focus on Fungi/Yeasts and Bacteria/Archeae microbial information. For the latter group also the sequence data of unculturables have to be considered.

2. Information technology

The workshop will contribute to the development of standards for data formats and exchange, based on outcomes of previous initiatives such as the MINE and CABRI (www.cabri.org) projects, in order to give access to BRC data on GBIF and link these data to the GBIF core database and the Catalogue of Life.

3. Intellectual Property Rights

The workshop will present, in collaboration with WIPO and by means of a plenary presentation, the stage set about IPR in the framework of BRCs.



27 October

- 8.30 *Registration*
- 9.30 General Introduction PPS-SP
- 9.40 WFCC introduction: J. Swings
WDCM introduction: H.Sugawara
- 10.00 GBIF introduction: D. Hobern
- 10.30 *Coffee break*
- 11.00 Catalogue of Life and Species 2000: F. Bisby
- 11.20 Introduction to Fungal Data: P. Kirk
- 11.40 Introduction to Bacterial Data: G. Garrity
- 12.00 CABRI: P. Romano
- 12.20 Analysis of microbial data: L. Vauterin
- 12.30 *Lunch*
- 13.30 BCCM introduction to the management of collection data: A. Ndimubandi– P. Dawyndt
- 14.00 IPR: P. Desmeth
- 14.10 BeBIF introduction: P. Mergen
- 14.30 Conclusions of e-conference: P.Mergen
- 14.45 *Coffee break*
- 15.15 Introduction of the 3 discussion groups: J. Swings
- 15.30 Discussion (in 3 different groups)
- 17.30 Progress reports
- 19.00 *Reception*
- 19.30 *Dinner*



28 October

- 9.30 Presentation of the Progress reports of the different groups
- 10.00 Further discussion in 3 groups and redaction of the conclusions
- 11.00 *Coffee break*
- 11.30 Plenary discussion on the conclusions
- 12.30 *Lunch*
- 14.00 Workshop-conclusions and recommendations for the future work programme