

TRAVEL GRANT REPORT

Microbiology 2023: from single cell to microbiome and host			
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I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the SSM for providing me with a travel grant to attend the Microbiology 2023 conference in Würzburg (Germany), as it allowed me to enhance my knowledge.

Since this conference does not take place annually, "Microbiology 2023" was the first event of this kind after the COVID pandemic and it gathered leading experts, researchers, and professionals in the field of microbiology, providing a platform for knowledge exchange, networking and collaboration. The conference featured keynote speakers, interesting panel discussion about the future of microbiological research and a poster session, all of which were highly relevant to my own research and academic interests. I had the opportunity to present my ongoing research about the host cell interkingdom signalling of Legionella pneumophila during the poster session and meet-up with collaboration partner.



In front of the HIRI (conference venue)

The social highlight of this conference was the gala dinner combined with a wine tasting in the historic wine cellar of the Würzburger Residenz on the second day. Overall, this conference was well organized and highlighted current research focuses.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the SSM for their generous financial support and to the organizers of the congress for hosting such an inspiring conference.