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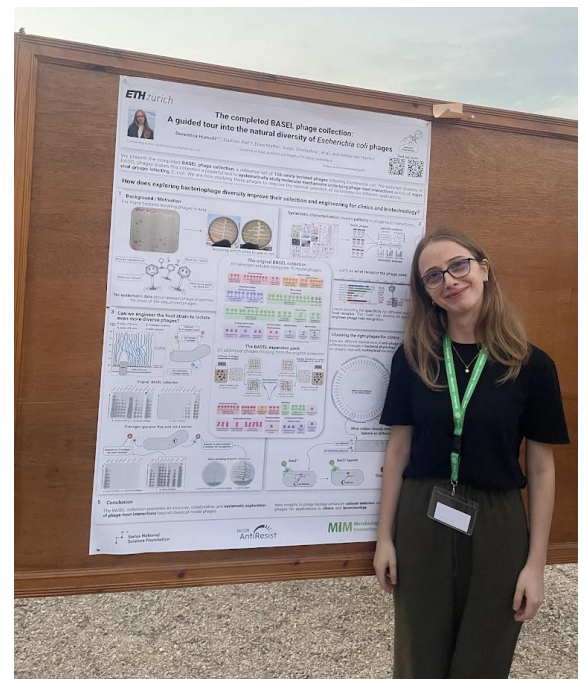
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Thanks to the Swiss Society for Microbiology for supporting my participation in the EMBO | FEBS “The New Microbiology” course in Spetses. During the course, I presented my poster titled: “The completed BASEL phage collection: A guided tour into the natural diversity of *Escherichia coli* phages.”

The course offered a state-of-the-art overview of microbiology delivered by leading scientists in the field. I found the talks highly inspiring, not only scientifically but also in terms of career development, especially on navigating interdisciplinary collaborations.

A unique feature of this course was its format for close interaction with speakers. The small-group dinners and extended Q&A sessions made it easy to engage in personal conversations. These settings gave us time to discuss our projects in depth, to compare approaches, ask practical questions about methods, and reflect on how our research fit into the broader field.

The course was exceptionally valuable for building connections. I met many researchers from around the world working on exciting microbiology questions. Structured social activities, including excursions to local archaeological sites, provided informal time with peers and speakers and brought in elements of Greek history and culture. These shared experiences led to a positive atmosphere and more open interactions.



Presenting at the poster session



Excursion at the ancient theatre of Epidaurus