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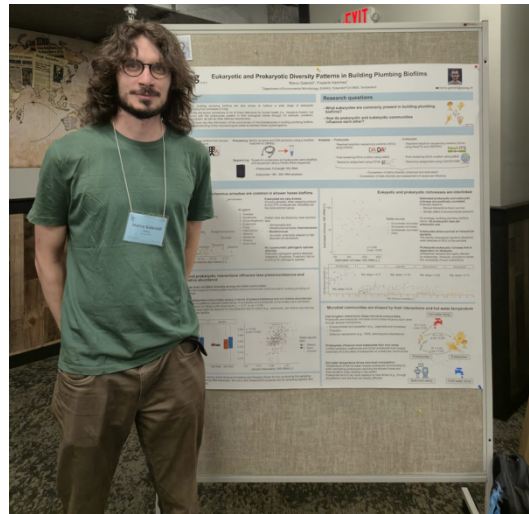
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Thanks to the SSM's financial support I was able to attend the 2025 Gordon Research Conference on the Microbiology of the Built Environment where I presented my poster titled "Eukaryotic and prokaryotic diversity patterns in building plumbing biofilms". During the poster sessions I interacted with several researchers interested in the relationship between prokaryotes and eukaryotes or in the methodology that I used in my analyses, resulting in multiple interesting discussions and in several suggestions for continuing the work.



Beyond my poster, I had the pleasure to attend very interesting presentations on different aspects of the microbiology of the built environment from several leaders in the field. The talks encompassed a wide range of topic, spanning from the indoor air microbiome to surfaces, as well as drinking and wastewater, broadening my knowledge in all these different topics. I also really appreciated the ample time given for discussion and the thought-provoking questions which were posed throughout the conference.

During this conference I was both able to catch up with colleagues which I have met at previous conferences, as well as creating new connections thanks to the informal and relaxed settings provided by the conference location in rural New Hampshire.

Overall, I had a great experience at this conference, and I am looking forward to applying all the new concepts and ideas gathered at this event.