

TRAVEL GRANT REPORT

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The symposium Molecular Biology of Fungi is held every two years in Germany, and this time it took place in Braunschweig. It brings together researchers working in molecular biology, genetics, biotechnology, and ecology, and serves as a forum for discussing the latest advances in fungal research.

I attended the conference as a mycologist studying fungal–nematode interactions, fungal genetics, and molecular biology. I presented a poster related to my research over the past three years and discussed my work with scientists from the same and related fields. I also shared my research and scientific ideas with colleagues from Yen-Ping Hsueh's lab at the Max Planck Institute Tübingen, Reinhard Fischer's lab in Karlsruhe, and Ursula Kües's lab at the University of Göttingen. They provided valuable feedback and opened up new possibilities for connections and collaborations.

This conference was highly relevant to my own research. Not only did I attend presentations on fungal molecular biology and genetics, but presentations from other fields, such as aquatic fungal ecology and fungal metabolite analysis, also gave me new perspectives and insights. I was also happy to see that the conference had grown compared with two years ago and attracted more scientists from the international fungal research community, providing me with a valuable opportunity to share my research with a broader international audience.

