

Invitation:

International Microbiome Symposium

Emerging Technology & Clinical Application

Inspiring program with presentations from leading experts about the newest developments in Microbiome research



09:00 - 18:00



Participation fee is 35 euros per person.

This includes drinks, lunch and reception.



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Welcome and Introduction

09:00

Registration & Coffee

09:30

Welcome, Introduction NimaGen X Maastricht University

09:45

The past, present and future of microbiome research - Prof. dr. John Penders, Maastricht University

The Microbiome early life

10:00

Talk 1: Early-life microbiome development current insights and outstanding questions - Dr. Niels van Best, Maastricht University

10:30

Talk 2: The role of the infant microbiome in health & disease: from observation to intervention - Dr. Patricia Maasjosthusmann, University of Bielefeld

11:00

Talk 3 - The microbiota and vaccine response - Dr. Susana Fuentes, RIVM

11:30

Q & A Discussion

12:00

Lunch & Networking

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Clinical and nutritional applications of the microbiome

13:00 Talk 4: Microbiome & Colorectal Cancer - Associate professor Annemarie Boleij, Radboudumc

13:30 Talk 5: The 16S gut microbiome as a boring lab test: clinical validation to predict outcome in Inflammatory Bowel Disease. - Prof. Dr. Geert Martens, AZ Delta

14:00 Talk 6: Drugs, diet and the microbiome - Drs. Doortje Böhm, Catharina Hospital

14:30 Q & A Discussion

15:00 Coffee Break

Technology & Education Spotlight

15:30 Talk 7: Unlocking the Microbiome: Robust Library Preparation for 16S & ITS Sequencing - Dr. Brian van der Veer, NimaGen

16:00 Talk 8: How to set up a microbiome study: microbiome research standards and good practices - Dr. David Barnett, Maastricht University Medical Center

16:30 Q & A Discussion & Closing remarks

17:30 Reception & Networking