

Nelson Lima Highlights MIRRI-ERIC at SIMBA Consortium Meeting

Braga (Portugal), 27 September 2023 – In a dynamic networking event at the SIMBA final consortium meeting, Nelson Manuel Viana Silva Lima, representing MIRRI-ERIC, delivered a compelling online presentation. The networking session provided an invaluable platform for sister projects to share insights and foster collaborative efforts.

The event, held on September 27th, saw coordinator Anne Pihlanto kickstart proceedings with an introduction to SIMBA (a Horizon 2020 funded project, dedicated to revolutionizing microbiome solutions to enhance European food security), this was followed by a series of presentations, each participant was allotted a 20-minute slot, allowing for a comprehensive overview of their project, including results, and a dynamic Q&A session.

Nelson Lima's presentation was a tour de force, providing a comprehensive overview of the Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure - European Research Infrastructure Consortium (MIRRI-ERIC). Lima adeptly showcased the critical role MIRRI-ERIC plays in the preservation, research, and utilization of microbial resources. He emphasized that with an expanded repertoire of resources and an ever-growing network of partners, the consortium is poised to play a central role in addressing critical global challenges.

The future of MIRRI-ERIC is one of continued growth and innovation. Its endeavours promise to leave an indelible mark on the scientific landscape, driving progress and propelling us towards a future enriched by microbial research.

The culmination of the SIMBA project was marked by the Final Symposium on September 28th, 2023, in Copenhagen, Denmark. This hybrid-format event celebrated the project's achievements and explored their broader impact, especially within Europe and beyond.

ABOUT MIRRI:

The **Microbial Resource Research Infrastructure – European Research Infrastructure Consortium (MIRRI-ERIC)** is the pan-European distributed Research Infrastructure for the preservation, systematic investigation, provision and valorisation of microbial resources and biodiversity. It brings together ~50 microbial domain Biological Resource Centres (mBRCs), culture collections and research institutes. MIRRI serves the bioscience and the bioindustry communities by facilitating the access, through a single point, to the broadest range of high-quality microorganisms, their derivatives, associated data and services, with a special focus on the domains of Health & Food, Agro-Food, and Environment & Energy. By serving its users, by collaborating with other research infrastructures and by working with public authorities and policy makers, MIRRI contributes to the advancement of research and innovation in life sciences and biotechnology, as well as for a sustainable, competitive and resilient bioeconomy. For more information, please visit www.mirri.org and <https://www.linkedin.com/company/microbial-resource-research-infrastructure/>.



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