

REMNET

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES IN MICROBIOMES NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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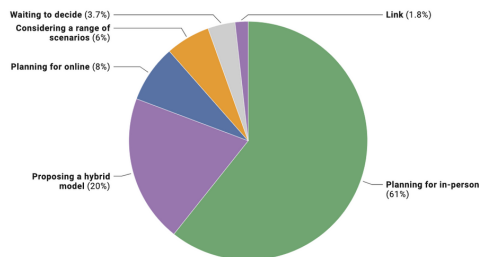
GREETINGS REMNET COMMUNITY

Here's a List of Colleges' Plans for Reopening in the Fall

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The coronavirus pandemic has left higher-education leaders facing difficult decisions about when to reopen campuses and how to go about it. *The Chronicle* is tracking individual colleges' plans. Most say they are planning for an in-person fall semester. We're currently tracking more than 1,060 colleges.



You're not alone!

If your school hasn't yet decided on its plans for fall, you're not alone. For many of us we await instructions and plans for our upcoming semester. The Chronicle has been compiling and updating the list of colleges that have made their plans available.

For many of us we're waiting with bated breath. For others we're faced with the struggle of how to teach our microbiology courses online, face-to-face or in a hybrid format!?!.

If you have ideas/suggestions that we could share with the network please reach out to us @ ugmicronet@gmail.com

REMNET WANTS TO HELP YOU!



HITS

High-throughput Discovery Science & Inquiry-based Case Studies for Today's Students

What about Case Studies?

One possible approach would be to use case studies in your courses. We've recruited Carlos Collier to join our data analysis working group. He is PI on an RCN-UBE grant that is focused on developing case studies that feature high-throughput data analysis. Might be perfect for you?

Why not analyze Data?

We've begun a conversation with CSHL to investigate the use of DNA Subways' purple line. We'll keep you posted. As always, our resources on data analysis are available to you all and we look forward to what our working group comes up with.

Workshops and training?

Next week, on Tuesday, REMNet is hosting a half day workshop just ahead of ASMCUE that you're all welcome to attend. We're also planning some sessions at this year's BIOME meeting with QUBES, and a poster presentation at ESA.

If you know of anything that might be of interest to the network, let us know and we'll share!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

VIRTUAL REMNET WORKSHOP:

7/7/2020

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

ASMCUE: 7/9/20-7/12/20

IS GOING ONLINE!

REGISTRATION ENDS 7/1/20

BIOQUEST: 7/27/20-8/7/20

WILL BE HELD AS AN ONLINE WORKSHOP

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

SABER: 7/10/20; 7/17/20; 7/24/20; 7/31/20

ONLINE WEBINARS WILL BE HELD IN FOUR SESSIONS

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW (FREE)

SENCER SSI: 7/30/20-8/2/20

WILL BE HELD AS AN ONLINE MEETING PROPOSAL DEADLINE 6/15/20

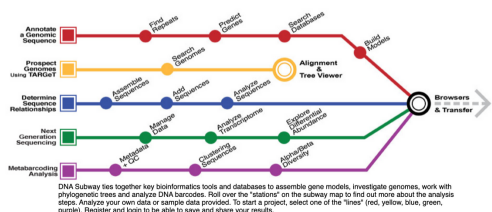
ESA MID-ATLANTIC:

POSTPONED UNTIL 10/16/20-10/18/20 REGISTRATION ENDS 9/25/20

AAAS is seeking proposals for

"UNDERSTANDING DYNAMIC ECOSYSTEMS"

Proposal deadline 7/14/20



CULTIVATING SCIENTIFIC CURIOSITY
BIOME INSTITUTE 2020
BIOQUEST QUBES



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



Veronica Segarra, co-chair of the Wet-Bench working group

THANKS VERONICA!



Philips Akinwale, co-chair of the Wet-Bench working group

THANKS PHILIPS!



Mary Shawgo, co-chair of the Access working group

THANKS MARY!



We need another co-chair for the access working group

IT COULD BE YOU!!!!



Sarah Rosario, co-chair of the Dissemination working group

THANKS SARAH!



Mangala Tawde, co-chair of the Dissemination working group

THANKS MANGALA!



Carlos Goller, co-chair of the data analysis working group

THANKS CARLOS!!!!



Karen York, co-chair of the data analysis working group

THANKS KAREN!!!!

WORKING GROUPS

We've identified some of our working group co-chairs. Thanks for stepping up folks!

Veronica Segarra and Philips Akinwale have agreed to be co-chairs of the Wet-Bench working group. They'll be joined by Mangala Tawde and Sarah Rosario as co-chairs of the Dissemination working group. Mary Shawgo has volunteered to co-chair the Access working group. Karen York and Carlos Goller have volunteered to co-chair the Data Analysis working group. We're still working out our assessment working group co-chairs.

If you've not signed up to be in a working group and would like to get involved please email us at ugmicronet@gmail.com

OPPORTUNITIES

PARE Pilot for Fall!!!!

The Prevalence of Antibiotic Resistance in the Environment (PARE) project has developed a short, pilot virtual course for students who are unable to take in person classes for the fall semester, but have access to a working computer and WIFI. The course will cover the fundamentals of antimicrobial resistance, and include a bioinformatics activity for students to complete for a broader understanding.

For more information about the course please contact scarlet.bliss@tufts.edu

For more information about the program and if you would like to participate, please contact carol.bascom_slack@tufts.edu by July 15, 2020.

Call for Papers

The Journal of Microbiology & Biology Education (JMBE) has announced a Call for Manuscripts for a special issue focused on "Teaching in a Time of Crisis." We invite manuscripts that offer perspectives, reviews, tools and curricular supports, and research findings collected during the COVID-19 crisis that provide insights into teaching during this period. Learn more about the submission requirements at <http://jmbesubmissions.asm.org/index.php/jmbe/about/submissions>. To be considered for the issue, manuscripts must be submitted by October 1, 2020.

World Microbiome Day Competitions

We have got something for everyone.

- A sourdough (bread) competition for adults!
- Microbe drawings for kids!
- Diversity photography for adults.

The deadline for submissions is 14th July and winners will be announced on 21st July!



WORLD MICROBIOME DAY 27th JUNE

Last week was world microbiome day. For many of us we celebrated all things microbial. For many others, engaged in the fight against COVID19, they engaged in biowarfare against the very microbiomes we're celebrating. See here as evidenced in this picture. How do we persuade our colleagues to forgo the hand sanitizer and choose hand-washing when they have to travel soooooo far to the sink! I wonder what Ignaz Semmelweis would have to say about this!

[Show me the science from the CDC](#)

CURES IN THE TIME OF COVID

