



Second International Conference: ATEM ii

"Microbes and Ecosystems: The Universal Hidden Force"

May 8th-10th, 2015, Hammamet, Tunisia

Organized by the
Tunisian Society for Microbial Ecology
"Association Tunisienne d'Écologie Microbienne" ATEM

Preamble

After the first international conference on *Microbial Diversity: Challenges and Applications*, held in November 2013, the Tunisian Society of Microbial Ecology (ATEM) is glad to invite you to join the second International Conference entitled "*Microbes & Ecosystems: The Universal Hidden Force*" scheduled to take place in Hammamet, Tunisia from May 8th to 10th, 2015.

The main scope of the Conference deals with numerous recent reports highlighting the major inputs of microorganisms on human activities at global scale. Culturomics leading to new antibiotics discovery, psychobiotics and the roles of microbial communities in human physical and mental health and in cancer, giant virus, extraterrestrial virus and ultra-small bacteria, and the global scale microbial transcriptional networks across oceans, are some aspects of the underestimated microbial communities' hidden forces.

The scientific program will cover several topics of microbial ecology including i) **Environmental microbiology and Biotechnology**, ii) **Microbial diversity and phylogenesis**, iii) **Host-Microbe Interactions and symbiosis**, iv) **Human Microbiome, Genotoxicity and Cancer**, and v) **Antimicrobial Agents and Microbial Resistance**. Beside a plenary lecture, one or two keynote speakers are invited to present a 30-minute review lecture for each of the 5 sessions.

Our major aim is to bring together young Tunisian and Maghreban microbiologists and from other related fields, and provide them with opportunities to present and discuss their work to a distinguished audience. The conference will also constitute an ideal occasion to gather eminent scientists from European and African academic institutions and to strengthen the south-south cooperation. The official language of the conference will be English.

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- **Carmen TORRES**, University La Rioja, Spain
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- **Timothy R. WALSH**, Cardiff University, United Kingdom

Preliminary Program

Friday May 8th, 2015

14:30-15:00	Opening
15:00-15:45	Plenary lecture
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
Session 1, EMB: Environmental Microbiology and Biotechnology	
16:30-17:00	Keynote 1: EMB
17:00-19:00	Selected oral presentations EMB
19:00-20:00	Session poster EMB and MDP

Saturday, May 9th, 2015

Session 2, MDP: Microbial diversity and Phylogenesis	
8:30-9:00	Keynote 2: MDP
9:00-11:00	Selected oral presentations MDP
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break
Session 3, HMI-S: Host -Microbe Interactions and symbiosis	

11:30-12:00	Keynote 3: HMIS
12:00-13:00	Selected oral presentations HMIS (part1)
13:00-14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:30	Selected oral presentations HMIS (part 2)
Session 4, HMGC: Human Microbiome, Genotoxicity and Cancer	
15:30-16:00	Keynote 4: HMGC
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30-18:30	Selected oral presentations HMGC
18:30-19:30	Session poster HMIS, HMGC and A2MR
20:30	Gala dinner

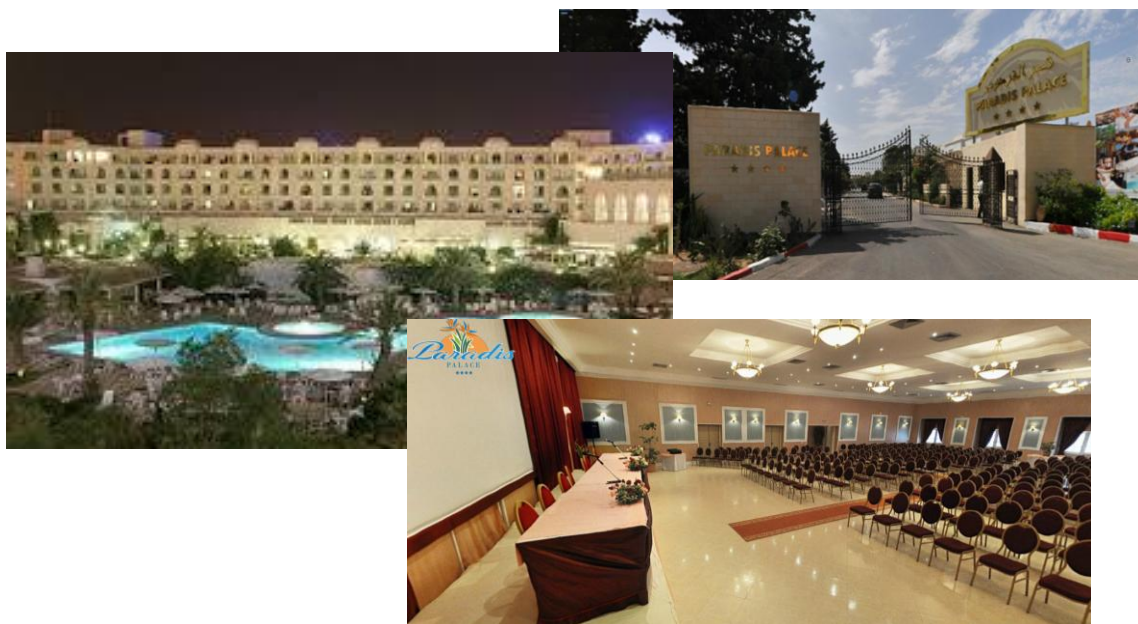
Sunday, May 10th, 2015

Session 4, A2MR: Antimicrobial Agents and Microbial Resistance

09:00-09:30	Keynote 5: A2MR:
09:30-10:30	Selected oral presentations A2MR
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:30	Keynote 6: A2MR
11:30-12:30	Selected oral presentations A2MR
12:30-13:00	Closure ceremony and rewarding

Conference Venue and Accommodation

The conference will be held at the **Paradise Palace Hotel**, Hammamet, Tunisia.



Paradise Palace Hotel and Conference Room, Avenue de la Paix, Hammamet, 8050, Tunisia.

<http://www.leparadispalace.com/>

Transportation



Itinary from the International airport of Tunis to the Paradise Hotel, Hammamet (About 70 km - 60 min). A shuttle will be organized on request (for a detailed map: <https://goo.gl/maps/cnxHg>)

Registration, Abstract Guidelines and Instructions, Submission and Deadlines

- To register to the conference, participants are invited to fill the **Registration Form** and to send it via email to microbialecol@gmail.com or fax +216 70 860 553
- Participants are invited to submit their abstracts for oral and poster presentations describing original research in any of the conference scientific topics. The scientific committee will select the type of contribution (oral or posters) based on the review of abstracts.
- The abstract as MS Word doc or docx should be **written in English** and not exceed **250 words, double-spaced in 12-point Times New Roman**. It should not include subheadings, tables, or figures and should be written as one paragraph. Authors are requested to have the abstracts reviewed prior to submission.
- Abstracts are to be submitted in the format described above. They must include: i) the title, ii) the authors full names, iii) the affiliations of all the authors, iv) e-mail of the corresponding author, and v) presenting author underlined.
- Abstract together with the registration form should be sent by email to: microbialecol@gmail.com
- **Deadline for abstract submission: April 5th, 2015.**
- **Notification of acceptance: April 10th, 2015.**

Sponsorship and Exhibition

There will be opportunities for industrial and commercial presentations. For more information, please contact:

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Registration fees

- **Full registration:** including participation to the conference, conference documents, coffee breaks, lunches, dinners, hotel accommodation in double-room for two nights and special Gala dinner: **330 TND**
- **Single room supplement: 60 TND**
- **Non-resident participants:** including participation to the conference and documents: **80 TND**
- **Adhesion fees to the ATEM society 2015: 20 TND** for senior scientists and **15 TND** for junior scientists

All Payments should be performed by order form, cheque, bank transfer or directly on desk, to the "Association Tunisienne d'Ecologie Microbienne" RIB: 08110010022003661242 (BIAT Bank, Campus Agency) / VAT code : 1252144/Y/N/N/000.

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