

FEMS 2019 – 10 JULY 2019 – Glasgow UK
Engage your Audience 2019
8TH CONGRESS OF EUROPEAN MICROBIOLOGISTS

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. General Information

Aims

“Engage your Audience 2019” is an opportunity for different early career microbiologists, PhD students and Post-docs, as well as supervisors to develop and showcase their skills as science communicators. This Round Robin event will provide an opportunity for microbiologists to bring their science communication activity to a conference and showcase it to your peers and colleagues.

This event will:

- inspire others to develop their own activities
- provide feedback and constructive sessions for how activities could be adapted or honed
- give an opportunity to try out an activity in a supportive, constructive environment
- allow participants to develop or highlight their science communications skills

Format

In this Round Robin event, each participant will be asked to demonstrate their activity as part of an hour-long event. Each activity should last for five minutes and participants should be prepared to demonstrate their event or activity to 8 different small group of peers and colleagues who will circulate around all 8 different activities. There will be 8 participants providing the activities, who can state what they would like to obtain from the audience. It may be feedback on a brand-new activity that they would like to trial? Or perhaps it might simply be feedback on which part of the activity or event they enjoyed the most. Participants are invited to bring their own feedback forms to this event. We recognise that science communication events often require groups of people to deliver the event and we welcome teams to apply.

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2. Presenters

Pre-selection

Due to time constraints a maximum of 8 Round Robin presentations will be possible during this one-hour event. In the case that more than 8 applications (visit the official FEMS Valencia 2017 website for further information concerning the submission format) will be received, a pre-selection based on the application material will be done. Applicants will be informed of the pre-selection decision in due time.

Apply for preselection

Send your application to fems@fems-microbiology.org before the deadline of 15 May 2019.

This application should include:

1. name(s) of presenter(s)
2. email address(es) of presenter(s)
3. name of the activity
4. if available, a hyperlink to the activity
5. a description of the activity (maximum 250 words) including:
 - the goal or key message you wish to communicate i.e. learning objectives or outcomes
 - the anticipated targeted audience
 - how will you demonstrate the activity (including pictures if available)
 - your feedback questions

Supporting materials

Of course, presenters will need to bring all the materials and equipment that you need to deliver your interactive activity. You will be delivering your session to 8 different sets of people so make sure you bring enough bits and pieces with you.

- you might want to bring leaflets or posters that you provide to the audience.
- you may also want to bring feedback sheets?
- you will be provided with a table so you should keep in mind that your activity must fit on one table that will also be able to squeeze 8 or so people around it at any one time.

3. The Public

The public participating in this Round Robin event will be heterogeneous members of the FEMS congress. The attendants will be microbiologists with different backgrounds who enjoy science communication and science communication events. Timings will be strictly managed and we ask that each iteration of your activity lasts for five minutes with a couple of minutes for feedback and to answer questions.

Sign up for attending 'Engage your audience'

If you wish to attend 'Engage your audience', you can sign up for this event via the Congress registration. If you have already registered, you can revisit your registration and indicate you wish to attend 'Engage your audience'. Only 60 seats are available, so make sure you register in time!