



**Federation of European  
Microbiological Societies**

# **FEMS - an introduction**



## What are the aims of FEMS?

### Investing in Science

A community of Editors and reviewers from across the globe support all of our publications. Their efforts underpin our ability to deliver our other charitable activities: every year we award hundreds of thousands of euros to help meetings organizers and early career researchers bring experts and earlier career scientists together.

### Building Communities

To create a positive impact, science, industry and society need to work together. From specialist groups in emerging topics to advocacy groups promoting public policy, communities are at the basis of developments in microbiology. We are dedicated to help develop communities and to tear down whatever boundaries limit them.

# Who are we?



More than 50  
member societies  
across all aspects of  
microbiology.



Over 30,000  
microbiologists –  
researchers, educators,  
and practitioners in  
general and applied  
microbiology.



Editors, reviewers,  
ambassadors and  
volunteers from  
around the world, a  
Board of Directors and  
a small team in Delft.



**“Connecting European microbiologists, appreciating their diversity, and encouraging that diversity is really what FEMS is good at and what we will keep on doing.”**

**Matthew Harvey,  
Managing Director**



# Connecting People. Sharing Knowledge.



## Meet our Journals

 [FEMSJOURNALS.COM](https://www.femsjournals.com)

**FEMS publishes 7 scientific journals, covering the full spectrum of microbiology. The journals focus on fair and thorough peer review by experts in the field, and rapid publication of research articles.**

FEMS is committed to publishing high-quality scientific research that is accessible and more easily shared across borders. As a not-for-profit organization, FEMS reinvests its journal revenues into science, by supporting microbiologists - in particular Early Career Scientists, by recognizing and awarding excellent individuals and initiatives, and by organizing events to bring scientists together.



# OUR CONGRESSES

The FEMS Congresses are the only scientific meetings at European and international level providing a unique forum for interdisciplinary dialogue and discussion between microbiological specialties ranging from basic research to applied and across all sectors – academic, policy, educational and communications.





## FEMS Grants

Every year we support meeting organizers and early career researchers and enable experts to share ideas and promote excellence in science. Members of FEMS Member Societies can apply for research and training grants and grants for assistance when organizing or attending a meeting. Some of these societies have international membership and we also have a (Congress Attendance) Grant for which you do not need to be a member.

# FEMS Grants

## Research and Training Grants

Assist early career scientists to pursue research and training at a European host institution in a country other than their own. Support is offered up to a maximum of € 4,000.

## Meeting Attendance Grants

Enable early career scientists to attend meetings worldwide to network, collaborate and keep abreast of new developments in their field. Support is available up to a maximum of € 600.

## Meeting Organizer Grants

Support conferences, laboratory workshops and training courses within Europe. The maximum amount provided is € 15,000. A minimum of 60% of the award must be used to support the attendance of early career scientists.

## Congress Attendance Grants

FEMS provides grants for Early Career Scientists to support their attendance at a FEMS Congress. Each grant provides a waiver of the registration fee. These grants are also open for scientists that are not a member of a FEMS Member Society.



**Irene Pèrez, University of Zaragoza, Spain received a Research and Training Grant to work at the Integrated Mycobacterial Pathogenomics Unit, Institut Pasteur, Paris, France.**

“Thanks to the Research and Training Grant, I did a 3-month internship at the Institute Pasteur, Paris. The grant allowed me to expand my knowledge in tuberculosis research and learn new techniques that will complement my professional training. It gave me the opportunity to collaborate with one of the leading groups in tuberculosis research that has a deep experience in genetics and evolution of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex.

I highly encourage young researchers to apply for this grant and benefit from the exchange with other international groups that will enrich their personal and professional career.”

# FEMS initiative: the European Academy of Microbiology





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