

## ISME Ambassador Sponsorship: REPORT

A short report about the event must be e-mailed to the ISME Office (within 2 months after the event has taken place) so ISME can place this on the website for the convenience of the members. This report should contain a clear overview of the event data and must clearly show what exactly was done with the funds made possible by ISME. Please include 1 or 2 pictures as well.

The 2019 annual meeting in the Norwegian Society for Microbiology (NFM) was held in Trondheim 11th-12th of June, with the topic: "Applied and Environmental Microbiology". In total, there was 30 attendees, with an even combination of senior PI's, younger Msc students, PhD candidates and postdocs. Two outstanding invited keynote presentations were delivered by Dr Pablo Ivan Nikel (DTU BIOSUSTAIN, Denmark) and Dr Lindsay Hall (Quadram Institute, Norwich, UK). To support the associated costs of this meeting we requested 500 EUR as part of the ambassador program. This money was used to contribute to the overall travel costs required for Dr Lindsay Hall to attend (400 EUR), and as a small cash prize to acknowledge the best presentation by a young scientist (Msc, PhD or postdoc, 100 EUR).

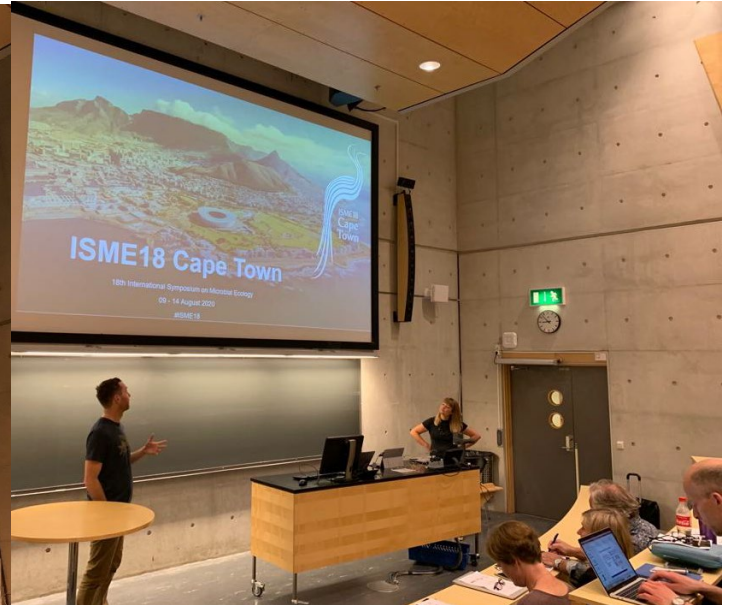
To recognize the support given to the NFM meeting, the ISME logo was visible on all promotional material, including the advertising flyer and the program distributed to the meeting attendees (e.g. **Picture 1**). In addition, IMSE support was acknowledged during the meeting introduction lecture and a special 5 minute introduction to our ISME-supported keynote speaker (Lindsay Hall) (**Picture 2**). During this occasion, ISME ambassador Phil Pope communicated ISME's role in enabling the keynote speaker to attend and also provided additional information regarding ISME18 in 2020 (**Picture 2**). For the best presentation prize, ten presenters were eligible and two were selected as prizewinners (100 EUR split between them) (**Picture 1**). The certificate acknowledged ISME support, and was presented by ISME ambassador Phil Pope (**Picture 1**), who also spoke at lengths about the role ISME has in the scientific community and the society's support for young scientists and events such as the NFM meeting. Despite the small size, this meeting was regarded by the NFM board as a large success, due to the quality of the keynote speakers as well as the large proportion of microbiologists who attended from the Norwegian Scientific community.

The Norwegian ISME ambassadors and the NFM board would like to thank ISME for their support and wish them a successful ISME18 at Cape town

Phillip Pope



Picture 1: (L) Example of the meeting program with visible ISME marketing. (R) The award of the best presentation by a young researcher was supported by ISME and awarded by NFM president Dirk Linke. Photos: ISME ambassador Phil Pope



Picture 2: (Top) Invited speaker Pablo Ivan Nikel. (Left) Invited speaker Dr Lindsay Hall. (Right) Phil Pope (ISME ambassador) introducing invited keynote Dr. Lindsay Hall and providing information related to ISME18. Photos: ISME ambassador Phil Pope