

IUMS COMCOF's - Committees, Commissions and Federations

In all division Ad hoc committees, commissions and Federations on various disciplines are active

Virology

ICTV - International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses

BAM

ICFMH - International Committee on Food Microbiology & Hygiene

ICSP - International Committee on Systematics of Prokaryotes

ICMSF - International Commission of Microbiological Specifications for Food

Mycology and Eukaryotic Microbiology

ICFM - International Commission on Food Mycology. For website see www.foodmycology.org.

ICIF - International Commission on Indoor Fungi. For website see www.indoormold.org.

ICPA - International Commission on Penicillium & Aspergillus. For website www.aspergilluspenicillium.org

ICTF - International Commission on Taxonomy of Fungi. website see www.fungaltaxonomy.org

ICY - International Commission on Yeasts. website: <http://icyeast.org/>.

Federations

WFCC - World Federation for Culture Collections

IUMS Congresses

- International Virology Congress
- International Congress of Bacteriology, Applied Microbiology (BAM)
- International Congress of Mycology and Eukaryotic Microbiology

The first International Congress for Microbiology was held in Paris in 1930. At the time of the 10th International Congress of Microbiology held in Mexico in 1970 the Executive Committee decided to create three sections covering the fields of Bacteriology, Virology and Mycology. Subsequently these sections became three separate divisions of IUMS possessing complete autonomy in the conduct of their affairs and the organization of their International Congresses.

Future congresses

The next IUMS congresses will be in summer 2017 in Singapore.

All bids for future congresses must include a letter from the responsible officer in the National Committee or Host Society giving an undertaking that they will adhere to all the IUMS Congress Guidelines. This letter must be included in the copy of the bid documentation sent to the Secretary General of IUMS. No bid will be considered without this signed undertaking.



**International
Union of Microbiological
Societies**

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IUMS is one of the 31 Scientific Unions of the International Council of Science (ICSU). It was founded in 1927 as the International Society of Microbiology, and became the International Association of Microbiological Societies affiliated to the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) as a Division in 1967.

The objectives of the Union are

- to promote the study of microbiological sciences internationally;
- initiate, facilitate and coordinate research and other scientific activities which involve international cooperation;
- ensure the discussion and dissemination of the results of international conferences, symposia and meetings and assist in the publication of their reports;
- represent microbiological sciences in ICSU and maintain contact with other international organizations.

The major goal of IUMS is to promote research and the open exchange of scientific information for advancement of the health and welfare of humankind and the environment. It strongly discourages any uses of knowledge and resources to the contrary. In particular, the IUMS strives to promote ethical conduct of research and training in the areas of biosecurity and biosafety so as to prevent use of microorganisms as biological weapons and therefore to protect the public's health and to promote world peace. IUMS seeks that all its member societies adopt or develop a Code of Ethics to prevent misuse of scientific knowledge and resources.

The scientific activities of the Union are conducted by the three Divisions of Bacteriology & Applied Microbiology (BAM), Mycology and Eukaryotic Microbiology and Virology and by six specialist international committees, seven international commissions and two international federations.

Their major activities include the classification and nomenclature of bacteria, fungi and viruses, food microbiology, medical microbiology and diagnostics, culture collections, education, and biological standardization.

The Divisions are responsible for the organization of their International Congresses (International Congress of Bacteriology and Applied Microbiology, International Congress of

Mycology and Eukaryotic Microbiology and International Congress of Virology) and the committees, commissions and federations (COMCOFs) organize their own meetings

Finances of IUMS

The income of the IUMS is derived from:

- Dues of member societies and associate member societies: Annual dues from full member societies are based on the number of resident microbiologists in their country. Dues are not less than \$100. Associate member societies do not pay dues and do not have voting rights at General Assemblies.
- Congress levies from Divisional International Congresses: a small levy is paid by each participant at IUMS Congresses. A portion of this goes to the IUMS budget and a portion to the Divisions.
- Fellowship grants which are awarded annually to support microbiologists from developing countries.

IUMS expenditures are for:

- Grants to young scientists and scientists from developing countries to attend IUMS International Congresses.
- Grants to member societies and COMCOFs for assistance in organizing workshops, training courses and scientific meetings
- Activities such as the IUMS Outreach programme
- Executive Board: Meetings and administrative expenses.

General Assembly

Final authority in administration of the Union lies with the General Assembly (GA) exercised collectively by delegates of National Committees of the Member Societies and members of the Executive Board.

The General Assembly ordinarily meets at least every three years on the occasion of an International Congress organized under auspices of the Union, convening at least once during each meeting. The Assembly elects the Officers of the Union (the President-Elect, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary-General, and Treasurer) and two Members-at-Large, receives reports and, as required, approves activities of the Executive Board and initiates further business. The General Assembly may

direct the Executive Board to establish any Division or other working group deemed necessary for the administrative or scientific work of the Union.

The last meeting of the GA was in Montreal July 2014. The next GA meeting is in Singapore 2017

IUMS Outreach Programme

In support of its mission to enhance the scientific background and professional effectiveness of basic and applied microbiologists, the IUMS has developed a program of educational outreach to developing countries and their microbiologists. The Union envisions an IUMS series of courses that will be offered to groups of microbiologists that may include graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and practicing professionals from developing countries within a given geographic region. These will be offered periodically in various regions and on different topics of interest and importance. It is expected that these meetings will boost the capability of the attendees in their microbiologic work after they return home. IUMS endeavours to forge a network of the attendees, so they can continue to communicate with each other and the instructors by e-mail.

- The first IUMS Regional Course was offered in Singapore during June 14-16, 2010, and served microbiologists from the surrounding Asian countries.
- The second IUMS Regional Course on Food Safety was offered in Bali (Indonesia) June 22 - 24 2011 and organized in collaboration with the Indonesian Society of Microbiology, the International Commission on Food Mycology (ICFM) and the International Committee on Food Microbiology and Hygiene (ICFHM).
- The third Course on Antimicrobial Resistance took place in Havana, Cuba on November 14-16, 2013.

The next IUMS workshop on Foodsafety and Mycotoxins will take place at the Gadjadara University of Indonesia on November 14 and 15, 2014 in collaboration with the International Commission of Food Mycology.

For future workshops visit our IUMS website.