

## 27th annual meeting of European Culture Collections' Organization

### “HARMONISATION & VALIDATION OF METHODS A WAY FORWARD FOR EUROPEAN CULTURE COLLECTIONS”

**ECCO XXVII** will take place on June 10 (from 1 pm) and June 11 (full day), 2008  
in Ghent, Belgium.

For registration: see [Registration](#)

#### UPDATED PROGRAM May 7, 2008

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2008**

**Start 13:00 Registration / Mounting of Posters**

**14:00 - 14:15 Welcome**  
*Dominique Fonteyn, Belgian Science Policy Office*

#### SESSION 1 Characterisation of the biological material Authentication/Identification, Verification/Control

##### Sub-session 1.1 Modern methodologies & up-to-date research approaches for species description / delineation strain / clone differentiation

Chair: Brian Tindall (DSMZ Germany) & NN

**14:15 - 14:30 Introduction to the session**  
*Brian Tindall, DSMZ, Germany*

**14:30 - 15:00 Prokaryotes**  
*Peter Vandamme, Ghent University, Belgium*

**15:00 - 15:30 Fungi and Yeasts**  
*to be confirmed*

**15:30 - 16:00 Poster viewing / Coffee / Tea**

**16:00 - 16:30 Cell lines**  
*Barbara Parodi, Banca Biologica e Cell Factory, Italy*

**16:30 - 17:00 Viruses**  
*to be confirmed*

**18:00 City Walking Tour / Dinner**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2008**

**Sub-session 1.2 (open discussions)**

**The role of Culture Collections between depositor and user  
Approaches towards Harmonisation of Culture Collection Practices for  
Authentication/Identification, Verification/Control**

Chair: Nelson Lima (MUM, Portugal) & Dagmar Fritze (DSMZ, Germany)

- 9:00 - 9:20    **Introduction to the session**  
*Brian Tindall, DSMZ, Germany*
- 9:20 - 9:50    Recommendation best practices for **Prokaryotes**  
*Moderator: Edward Moore, CCUG, Sweden*
- 9:50 - 10:20   Recommendation best practices for **Fungi and Yeasts**  
*Moderator: to be confirmed*
- 10:20 - 10:50   Recommendation best practices for **Cell lines**  
*Moderator: Barbara Parodi, Banca Biologica e Cell Factory, Italy*
- 10:50 - 11:20   Recommendation best practices for **Bacterial mass DNA**  
*Moderator: Dominique Clermont, CIP, France*

**11:20-12:00 Poster viewing / Coffee / Tea**

**SESSION 2**

**Initiatives for Collaboration and Harmonisation**

Chair: David Smith (CABI, UK) & Danielle Janssens (BCCM/LMG, Belgium)

- 12:00 - 12:15   **The MTA with the user** (finalizing ECCO core MTA for supply of material)  
*Danielle Janssens, BCCM/LMG, Belgium*
- 12:15 - 12:25   **The MTA with the depositor** (Accession Forms adaption of concept?)  
*Esperanza Garay, CECT, Spain*
- 12:25 - 12:40   **The OECD guidelines on biosecurity & the CEN CWA Laboratory biorisk  
management standard** (can we work together?)  
*Barry Holmes, NCTC, UK*
- 12:40 - 12:50   **The EMBaRC project proposal**  
*Chantal Bizet, CIP, France*
- 12:50 - 13:00   **Proposal for a Demonstration Project on a GBRCN**  
*Dagmar Fritze, DSMZ, Germany*

**13:00 - 14:00 Lunch**

**SESSION 3**  
**Long term Preservation, fastidious organisms, optimization of methods**

Chair: Joost Stalpers (CBS, The Netherlands) & Edward Moore (CCUG, Sweden)

- 14:00 - 14:30 **The technology of freeze-drying**  
*Joost Stalpers, CBS, The Netherlands*
- 14:30 - 15:00 **Designing an optimal freeze-drying protocol**  
*Jindrich Peiren, BCCM/LMG, Belgium*
- 15:00 - 15:30 **Problems with freeze-drying specific bacterial taxa**  
*Esperanza Garay, CECT, Spain*
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Storing Prokaryotes in liquid nitrogen**  
*Brian Tindall, DSMZ, Germany*

**16:00-16:15 Coffee / Tea**

- 16:15 - 16:30 **Poster price**

**16:30 – 17:15 AGM**

report from officers  
new members

- 17:15 - 17:30 **Wrap-up; Introduction of next venue**