

MaCuMBA



Catch up with Marine Microbes: Fourth Issue of MaCuMBA Project News Now Available

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How do bacteria keep in touch? Learn about cell-cell communication in the MaCuMBA (Marine Microorganisms: Cultivation Methods for Improving their Biotechnological Applications) project's fourth newsletter (*attached*), which is now available to download from the project's website: www.macumbaproject.eu. MaCuMBA is a four-year EC FP7-funded project that aims to uncover the untold diversity of marine microbes using cultivation-dependent strategies.

In this issue of MaCuMBA Project News: an interview with Prof Fergal O'Gara from the BIOMERIT Research Centre (BRC) at University College Cork (UCC), Ireland, who is the leader of MaCuMBA Work Package 5 (WP5), *Cell to cell communication in community cultures, isolation and cultivation*; details of some of the growing number of scientific publications acknowledging MaCuMBA; Prof Marcel Jaspars, Director of the Marine Biodiscovery Centre of the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, discusses the FP7-funded PharmaSea Project; and the newsletter's Under the Microscope section provides an in-brief look at some stories relating to marine microorganisms that have been making the news.

Note to Editors

MaCuMBA is led by the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ) and is a joint venture of 23 partner institutions from 11 EU countries with the common aim to uncover the untold diversity of marine microbes using cultivation-dependent strategies. MaCuMBA aims to improve the isolation rate and growth efficiency of marine microorganisms from conventional and extreme habitats by applying innovative methods and using automated high-throughput procedures. AquaTT is the communication and dissemination partner for the project.

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