

MaCuMBA



Keep Up with Marine Microorganisms: Second Issue of MaCuMBA Project News Now Available

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The Marine Microorganisms: Cultivation Methods for Improving their Biotechnological Applications (MaCuMBA) project has released its second newsletter (attached). MaCuMBA is a four-year EC Seventh Framework Programme (FP7)-funded project which aims to study unidentified marine microorganisms.

This issue of *MaCuMBA Project News* features an interview about Work Package 2 (WP2), *Innovative approaches for isolating and culturing the uncultured*, with its coordinator, Prof Gerard Muyzer of the University of Amsterdam (UvA), the Netherlands. The first in the *Petri Dish Profiles* series of reports on other European projects related to the study of marine microorganisms introduces Micro B3 (Microbial Biodiversity, Bioinformatics, Biotechnology), an FP7-funded project that aims to provide researchers with new analytical approaches to marine ecological genomics. The *Under the Microscope* section provides an in-brief look at some stories relating to marine microorganisms which have been making the news, and in *Culture Club* we meet some of the scientists from all over Europe working together to achieve the MaCuMBA project's aims.

MaCuMBA Project News Issue 2 is also available to download from the project's website:

www.macumbaproject.eu

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.

Prof Muyzer is available for interview.

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Detailed partner profiles are available on request.