



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR Viruses of Microorganisms

ISVM NEWS April 2025

Updates from ISVM Board

As we welcome the arrival of spring and look ahead to the summer season, it's time for our April newsletter, a perfect opportunity to reconnect, share updates, and celebrate the vibrant work of our ISVM community.

President's Letter ([Link](#))

Last month, President Professor Lone Brøndsted shared her first letter with ISVM members, reflecting on the Society's achievements and laying out a vision for the future. She highlighted that ISVM has grown into a dynamic global platform for innovation, collaboration, and real-world applications, bridging research with pressing global challenges. Professor Brøndsted extended sincere thanks to the founders, past presidents, sponsors, and all members who have contributed to shaping the Society's journey.

Looking ahead, the President emphasized ISVM's commitment to expanding its global network, updating its digital presence, and launching new initiatives to support early-career scientists.

NEW ISVM website is in the air!

With a fresh new look, we're excited to introduce our updated [ISVM website](#) – your go-to hub to register as a member, stay informed about upcoming scientific events and local societies to expand your network, explore our sponsors, and discover many other exciting features.

Illustrations for the new ISVM website and SoMe

Members are invited to share virus- and microbe-related images or illustrations for the ISVM website and social media platforms. We will use these photos to celebrate the beauty of our field and broaden community engagement. This is your chance to get more visibility of your work. **Please send your contribution to ismv.board@gmail.com with a short description and make sure that the illustration is not covered by copyright.**

Upcoming regional activities and national conferences

On our new webpage you can find links to upcoming regional activities and national conferences. **Check out [Events](#), like the 26th Biennial International Evergreen Phage Meeting on August 3-8, 2025** that will occur at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Registration is now [open](#) with abstract deadlines on June 9 (oral) and June 27 (posters).



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Hosted by the Phagebiotics Research Foundation (founded by Dr. Betty Kutter) and Dr. Tom Denes (UT Knoxville), this meeting continues Dr. Kutter's enduring legacy of bringing together scientists, students, and leaders in phage research worldwide. Though she is now emeritus, her vision lives on through this dynamic event and the ongoing commitment of her foundation to student engagement, collaboration, and global impact.

If your activity is not listed in our page, please let us know by filling [this form](#) or drop us an email at membership@isvm.org so we can help provide visibility for all members.

News from the ISVM Scientific Advisory Board

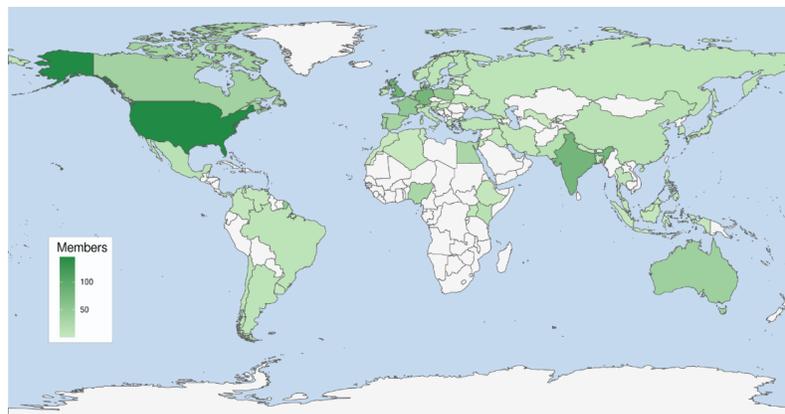
We are happy to welcome nine new members to the Scientific Advisory Board this year: Evelien Adriaenssens, Jeremy Barr, Leticia Botella, Corina Brussaard, Saija Kiljunen, Rob Lavigne, Alejandro Reyes Muñoz, Massimo Turina, and Rachel J Whitaker. They will join the existing team of Peter Fineran, Matthias Fischer (chair), Julia Frunzke, Jason Gill, Mart Krupovic, Jennifer Mahony, Karen Maxwell, Tessa Quax, Mark J van Raaij, and Eeva Vainio. Together, we look forward to promoting excellent science within our society and making it accessible to a broad audience.

As we are planning another season of iVoM online seminars in 2025/26, we depend on your suggestions for speakers! We will focus on letting Early Career Scientists present their work! Do you know any PhD students, postdocs, or group leaders who have a fascinating story to present that involves microbial viruses? Let us know (mfischer@mpi-bremen.de)!

ISVM Members

The International Society for Viruses of Microorganisms boasts an impressive 1,400 members from almost 100 different countries! We invite you to join this wonderful family, where we collectively redefine the possibilities and potential of the world of Viruses of Microorganisms.

Please spread the word, and encourage your colleagues and young scientists to join our global community of members, Register today [here](#)!



Themed Collection in Applied Microbiology International

Diversity of bacteriophages and their contribution to improve animal, environmental, and human health. *Sustainable Microbiology* is a new not-for-profit open access journal from [Applied Microbiology International](#) (formerly known as SfAM), in partnership with Oxford University Press. The journal published its [first volume](#) in 2024, including papers for a themed collection of articles focused on bacteriophages.

Guest Edited by Professor Darren Smith, this collection features research articles, reviews, and policy papers, supporting the use of bacteriophages to improve animal, environmental, and human health. You can view the first seven articles published in the collection to date [here](#).

The journal continues to call for papers for this themed collection and is able to offer ISVM members APC waivers. Members interested in submitting should contact: Lindsay Flook Journal Development Manager at publishing@appliedmicrobiology.org.

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