

11 PhD positions within the project "INTERFUTURE": From microbial interactions to new-concept biopesticides and biofertilizers

Eleven PhD positions are offered in the frame of the project **INTERFUTURE- From microbial interactions to new-concept biopesticides and biofertilizers-**, a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network Action. Each of these positions is for a period of **36 months starting in April – June, 2017**.

INTERFUTURE will train a new generation of scientists with complementary and interdisciplinary skills in Microbiology, Plant Pathology, Entomology, Organic Chemistry, Molecular Biology. The main objectives of the research projects are:

1. to overcome bottlenecks in bio-based products application by exploring the ecology of microbe-host interaction at the community level
2. to improve existing microbial biofertilisers by unravelling the biology and exploiting the complementarities of nitrogen-fixing and growth-promoting bacteria
3. to exploit natural molecules to shape plant-beneficial microflora and improve plant resilience to disease
4. to develop novel volatile organic compounds of bacterial origin for the control of soilborne diseases
5. to design and develop innovative insect traps and trapping strategies based on the activity of kairomones produced by microorganisms

The Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Network (MSCA-ITN-EID) INTERFUTURE": From microbial interactions to new-concept biopesticides and biofertilizers -

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Network Partners: Fondazione Edmund Mach (Coordinator), Italy; University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne, France; University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences , Austria; University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK; University of Molise, Italy; Desarrollo Agrícola y Minero, S.A., Spain; BIOBEST, Belgium; BIPA NV, Belgium; INOQ GmbH, Germany; and Azotic Technologies Ltd, UK.

We are currently recruiting 11 Early Stage Researchers (ESRs) – 11 PhD student positions are open!

Each of these positions is for a period of 36 months starting in April – June , 2017. The first 18 months will be spent in an academic institution while the second 18 months will be spent as a secondment in a private enterprise. The recruitment is done on a competitive basis across all applicants for each project.

Details on the 11 individual positions are provided by following the links of each beneficiary below:

ESR position 1 – “Novel biofertilisers based on endophytic bacteria. Innovative approaches to bridge plant- microbe interaction research and bio-product development.”

Host Institute: Fondazione Edmund Mach (San Michele all’Adige, Italy)

PhD Enrolment: University of Newcastle Upon Tyne (Newcastle, United Kingdom)

Secondment at: Desarrollo Agrícola y Minero, S.A.(Zaragoza, Spain)

ESR position 2 – “Untapping the keg of microbial bioproducts using innovative approaches to cultivation. New bio-based products from plants”

Host Institute: Fondazione Edmund Mach (San Michele all'Adige, Italy)

PhD Enrolment: University of Newcastle Upon Tyne (Newcastle, United Kingdom)

Secondment at: Desarrollo Agrícola y Minero, S.A.(Zaragoza, Spain)

ESR position 3 – “Interactions between crop genotypes, antagonistic root colonizing endophytes and arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi”

Host Institute: University of Newcastle Upon Tyne (Newcastle, United Kingdom)

PhD Enrolment: University of Newcastle Upon Tyne (Newcastle, United Kingdom)

Secondment at: Inoq GmbH (Schnege, Germany)

ESR position 4 – “Characterization of stimulators of the phyllosphere microbiota as innovative biocontrol products”

Host Institute: Fondazione Edmund Mach (San Michele all'Adige, Italy)

PhD Enrolment: University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne (Reims, France)

Secondment at: BIPA(Londerzeel, Belgium)

ESR position 5 – “Characterization of the mechanism of action of protein- and sugar-based biocontrol products on target and non-target microorganisms”

Host Institute: University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne (Reims, France)

PhD Enrolment: University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne (Reims, France)

Secondment at: BIPA(Londerzeel, Belgium)

ESR position 6 – “Employment of volatile organic compounds produced by *Lysobacter* members for the biological control of soilborne plant pathogenic fungi and oomycetes”

Host Institute: University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (Vienna, Austria)

PhD Enrolment: University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (Vienna, Austria)

Secondment at: BIPA(Londerzeel, Belgium)

ESR position 7 – “The interactions of the endophytic nitrogen fixing bacterium *Gluconacetobacter diazotrophicus* with fungal endophytes and rhizosphere microorganisms associated with ryegrass, *Lolium perenne*”

Host Institute: Azotic Technologies Ltd (Nottingham, United Kingdom)

PhD Enrolment: University of Nottingham (Nottingham, United Kingdom)

Secondment at: Fondazione Edmund Mach (San Michele all’Adige, Italy)

ESR position 8 – “Plant and bacterial factors determining host colonization by, and intracellular uptake of *Gluconacetobacter diazotrophicus*”

Host Institute: Azotic Technologies Ltd (Nottingham, United Kingdom)

PhD Enrolment: University of Nottingham (Nottingham, United Kingdom)

Secondment at: Fondazione Edmund Mach (San Michele all’Adige, Italy)

ESR position 9 – “Selection of microorganisms to develop new tools for the management of *Drosophila suzukii*”

Host Institute: University of Molise (Campobasso, Italy)

PhD Enrolment: University of Molise (Campobasso, Italy)

Secondment at: BioBest (Westerlo, Belgium)

ESR position 10 – “Development of a commercial liquid food trap with addition of bioactive microorganisms to improve attractiveness and specificity for *Drosophila suzukii*”

Host Institute: Fondazione Edmund Mach (San Michele all’Adige, Italy)

PhD Enrolment: University of Molise (Campobasso, Italy)

Secondment at: BioBest (Westerlo, Belgium)

ESR position 11 – “Conventional delivery strategies for bioproducts based on microbial bioproducts”

Host Institute: Fondazione Edmund Mach (San Michele all’Adige, Italy)

PhD Enrolment: University of Newcastle Upon Tyne (Newcastle, United Kingdom)

Secondment at: Desarrollo Agrícola y Minero, S.A.(Zaragoza, Spain)

Here you can find the link for the positions at Fondazione Edmund Mach:

http://www.fmach.it/Servizi-Generali/Lavora-con-noi/Annunci-lavoro-borse-di-studio-e-tirocini/N.-5-five-temporary-positions-for-36-months-within-the-project-INTERFUTURE-G.A.-n-722642-From-microbial-interactions-to-new-concept-biopesticides-and-biofertilizers-a-Marie-Sklodowska-Curie-Innovative-Training-Network-Action-MSCA-ITN-EID-227_CRI

and the other positions of the network:

<http://www.fmach.it/Servizi-Generali/Lavora-con-noi/Opportunita-presso-altri-enti-o-aziende/6-Early-Stage-Researchers-ESRs-PhD-student-within-the-project-INTERFUTURE-From-microbial-interactions-to-new-concept-biopesticides-and-biofertilizers>

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