

Global Microbial Identifier - Steering Committee



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6th meeting on Global Microbial Identifier - Book the date!

The next meeting will take place at the UC Davis Campus in California, USA, on September 10-11, 2013. You are welcome to forward information about the meeting to others.

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International developments

The GMI set-up was presented by Mr. J. Schlundt and Mr. E. Brown during the “[Applied Bioinformatics and Public Health Microbiology](#)” conference in Cambridge UK, May 2013. During the discussion it was suggested to initiate a global competition for reasonable algorithms to be used in GMI characterization.

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Future prospects of GMI in case of an ongoing outbreak investigation

Citizens in four Nordic countries suffer from hepatitis A virus infection assumed to originate from a common source. During the investigation of HAV strains from infected patients, the relevant national public health laboratories in the rest of Europe, US, Canada and Africa have been in close contact in order to compare circulating HAV strains, in a joined attempt to identify a common source and likely vehicle(s) of transmission.

Read about the outbreak at [Eurosurveillance](#) and [ECDC-EFSA](#).

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News from Working Group 4

WG 4 has drafted a combined questionnaire on proficiency testing aiming to survey the potential end-users, ranking the possible target organisms. The questionnaire is scheduled to be sent out to the GMI community in June, for completion in August 2013. At the upcoming conference “[10th International Meeting on Microbial Epidemiological Markers \(IMMEM-10\)](#)” a round table discussion has been scheduled on the GMI initiative.

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Report from the 5th meeting on Global Microbial Identifier

The report of the 5th meeting is out. [Download report](#) (pdf)

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Join the GMI intranet and sign up for relevant news and discussions!

Link to the GMI SharePoint site: <http://teamsites.risoe.dk/gmi>

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