



# 4<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL WORLD OF MICROBIOME CONFERENCE

26-28 OCTOBER 2023  
SOFIA, BULGARIA

## WORLD OF MICROBIOME CONFERENCE 2023 – PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

### Thursday, 26 October

13:30 – 13:40	WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
13:40 – 14:10	OPENING KEYNOTE LECTURE
14:20 – 15:55	SESSION 1: THE MATERNAL MICROBIOME
15:55 – 16:30	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION & NETWORKING
16:30 – 17:55	SESSION 2: DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMMING OF THE MICROBIOME
18:05 – 19:40	SESSION 3: ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES SHAPING THE MICROBIOME
19:40 – 20:30	WELCOME RECEPTION, EXHIBITION & OFFICIAL POSTER VIEWING & DISCUSSIONS

### Friday, 27 October

08:30 – 10:30	SESSION 4: GUT BRAIN AXIS (IN MEMORY OF PROF. JOHN BIENENSTOCK)
10:30 – 11:10	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION & NETWORKING
11:10 – 12:20	SESSION 5: YOU, YOUR MICROBIOME AND THE WORLD
12:30 – 13:15	PANEL DISCUSSION: GIVE THE BUGS OR FEED THE BUGS
13:15 – 14:30	LUNCH BREAK, EXHIBITION & NETWORKING
14:30 – 15:35	SESSION 6: THE FORGOTTEN MEMBERS OF THE MICROBIOME
15:35 – 16:00	THE HISTORY AND EARLY DAYS OF LACTOBACILLUS BULGARICUS
16:00 – 17:00	REFRESH AND RECONNECT BREAK
17:00 – 18:35	SESSION 7: DIET AND MEDICATION

### Saturday, 28 October

09:00 – 10:25	SESSION 8: FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE – USING MICROBIOME IN CLINICAL TRIALS
10:25 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION & NETWORKING
11:00 – 12:20	SESSION 9: IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT THE GUT: VAGINAL, ORAL AND SKIN MICROBIOMES IN HEALTH AND DISEASE
12:20 – 13:20	LUNCH BREAK, EXHIBITION & NETWORKING
13:20 – 14:15	SESSION 10: TEASING OUT A MECHANISM: HOW DOES THE MICROBIOME CONTRIBUTE TO DISEASE
14:15 – 14:45	CLOSING KEYNOTE LECTURE
14:45 – 15:00	CLOSING DISCUSSION WITH THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE