

The Sixth Meeting of Bergey's International Society for Microbial Systematics

Call for Participation – Abstract Submission, Early Registration, and Program Highlights

Dates: **17–20 October 2025**

Location: **Qingdao, Shandong Province, China**

Venue: **Crowne Plaza Qingdao Ocean Spring Resort**

Theme: ***Microbial Systematics and Microbiomics: Integration and Innovation***

Dear Esteemed Colleagues and Scholars,

We are pleased to announce that the Sixth Meeting of Bergey's International Society for Microbial Systematics (BISMiS 2025) will be held from 17 to 20 October 2025 in Qingdao, China. This meeting is jointly hosted by Shandong University, State Key Laboratory of Microbial Technology, the Chinese Society for Microbiology, Bergey's International Society for Microbial Systematics, and State Key Laboratory of Microbial Diversity and Innovative Utilization. The meeting will provide a platform for scientific exchange, community building, and the advancement of microbial taxonomy, systematics, and microbiome science.

Therefore, we cordially invite scholars and experts in related fields to join this international forum to share their latest findings and engage in forward-looking discussions. The conference is structured as follows:

I. Scientific Programme

Theme:

Microbial Systematics & Microbiomics: Integration and Innovation

Sessions:

Session 1. Exploring Uncultivated Microbes: Approaches and Tools

Session 2. Data-Driven Microbial Systematics

Session 3. Integrative Taxonomy: Combining Genomic, Morphological, and
Ecological Data

Session 4. Applications of Microbiomics in Systematics

Session 5. Challenges in the Nomenclature and Taxonomy of Diverse Microbes
in the Microbiomics Era

Session 6. ICNP & SeqCode: Advancing Towards Scientific Consensus

The meeting will feature keynote lectures, oral presentations, poster sessions, and a graduate student forum.

II. Programme Outline

1. October 17, 2025: Registration and Graduate Student Forum
2. October 18–19, 2025: Scientific sessions and keynote lectures
3. October 20, 2025: Optional local excursion (registration required)
4. October 21, 2025: Departure

Meeting Schedule

Time	Activities
October 17th, 2025	
09:00-18:00	Bergey's Trust Meeting (Invited only)
15:00-16:20	Young Scholar Forum (8 speakers)
16:20-16:30	Coffee Break
16:30-17:50	Graduate Student Forum (15 speakers)
19:00-21:00	Dinner
October 18th, 2025	
08:00-08:15	Opening Ceremony
08:00-09:45	Plenary Lecture (3 speakers)
09:45-10:00	Group photo
10:00-10:20	Coffee Break
10:20-11:20	Session 1. Exploring Uncultivated Microbes: Approaches and Tools (Part I)
11:20-11:40	Sponsor Speech
11:40-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:30	Session 1. Exploring Uncultivated Microbes: Approaches and Tools (Part II)
14:30-16:25	Session 2. Data-Driven Microbial Systematics
16:25-16:40	Coffee Break & Poster Session
16:40-17:20	Session 3. Integrative Taxonomy: Combining Genomic, Morphological, and Ecological Data (Part I)
17:20-17:40	BISMis Biennial General Meeting
17:40-18:00	BISMis Goodfellow Prize & Lecture
18:00-18:30	Bergey Awards & Bergey Award Lecture
18:30-21:00	Welcome Reception
October 19th, 2025	
08:00-09:10	Session 3. Integrative Taxonomy: Combining Genomic, Morphological, and Ecological Data (Part II)
09:10-10:10	Session 4. Applications of Microbiomics in Systematics (Part I)
10:10-10:30	Coffee Break
10:30-11:20	Session 4. Applications of Microbiomics in Systematics (Part II)
11:20-12:20	Session 5. Challenges in the Nomenclature and Taxonomy of Diverse Microbes in the Microbiomics Era (Part I)
12:20-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:20	Session 5. Challenges in the Nomenclature and Taxonomy of Diverse Microbes in the Microbiomics Era (Part II)
14:20-15:20	Session 6. ICNP & SeqCode: Advancing Towards Scientific Consensus (Part I)
15:20-15:35	Coffee Break
15:35-16:20	Session 6. ICNP & SeqCode: Advancing Towards Scientific Consensus (Part II)
15:20-17:50	Plenary Lecture (3 speakers)
17:50-18:15	Closing & Award Ceremony
18:30-20:30	Dinner

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Zongjun Du	Shandong University, China

VI. Venue

Crowne Plaza Qingdao Ocean Spring Resort

Address: No.188 of Binhai Road, Qingdao, Shandong Province, China

VII. Call for Presentations

Keynote and Session Speakers

Scholars and experts in microbiology and related fields are invited to propose keynote or oral session presentations. To apply, please submit the following to contact@bismis2025.com by **27 September 2025**:

- Proposed title
- Abstract
- Brief biography
- Completed form of Presentation Application (template available from the

[Download Center](#))

Email subject line: “*Keynote/Session Speech + Name + Institution*”

Young Scholar Forum

The Young Scholar Forum will be held on **17 October 2025, 15:00–16:20**. Young Scholars in microbiology and related fields are invited to propose presentations. Presentations are limited to 10 minutes, and outstanding presentations will be selected and awarded.

To participate in the forum, submit the following by **27 September 2025**:

- Proposed title
- Abstract
- Brief biography
- Completed form of Presentation Application (template available from the [Download Center](#))

Email subject line: “*Young Scholar Forum + Name + Institution*”

Graduate Student Forum

The Graduate Student Forum will be held on **17 October 2025, 16:30–17:50**. Presentations are limited to 8 minutes, and outstanding presentations will be selected and awarded.

To participate in the forum, submit the following by **27 September 2025**:

- Title and abstract
- Brief biography
- Supervisor's name and title
- Completed form of Graduate Forum Application (template available from the

[Download Center](#))

Email subject line: “*Graduate Forum + Name + Institution*”

VIII. Abstract and Poster Submissions

Abstract Submission

Participants are invited to submit abstracts for inclusion in the meeting's abstract book.

- Register at www.bismis2025.com by **27 September 2025**
- Completed form of Abstract (template available from the [Download Center](#))
- Submit abstract to contact@bismis2025.com
- **Email subject line:** “*Abstract Title + Name + Institution*”
- **Formatting:**
 - Max one page, English language
 - Word format (.doc or .docx)
 - Times New Roman; Title 14 pt bold, Body 12 pt
 - Margins: Top/Bottom 3.5 cm, Left/Right 3 cm

Poster Submission

Academic posters in microbiology and related fields are welcome. Outstanding posters will be selected and awarded.

- Register at www.bismis2025.com by **27 September 2025**
- Completed form of Poster (template available from the [Download Center](#))
- Submit poster to contact@bismis2025.com
- **Email subject line:** “*Poster Title + Name + Institution*”
- **Specifications:**
 - Dimensions: 2350 mm (H) × 945 mm (W)

- Content area: 1450 mm (H) × 840 mm (W)
- Resolution: ≥300 dpi
- Format: PDF (≤30 MB)
- Template: Use the official design from the [Download Center](#)

IX. Student Travel Awards

Bergey's Manual Trust provides USD 12,000 in support of the Sixth Meeting of Bergey's International Society for Microbial Systematics, to subsidize student travel, as detailed below:

- Domestic students: 12 awards, USD 500 per student
- International students: 5 awards, USD 1,200 per student
- Recipients will also receive conference registration fee waivers

Applications must be submitted by **27 July 2025**. Please email the following information to contact@bismis2025.com, using “Name + Institute” as the subject line:

- Personal profile
- Abstract (oral/poster)
- Supervisor's information
- Statement of application purpose

The Organizing Committee will notify selected recipients after internal review by **31 July 2025**.

X. Registration and Payment

Registration Fee Schedule (Per Person)

Attendee Category	Phase 1 Early Bird (by 20 July)	Phase 2 Early Bird (21 Jul – 16 Sept)	On-Site Registration (17 Sept – 17 Oct)
Non-BISMiS Member	\$300	\$400	\$500
BISMiS Member	\$250	\$300	\$450
Non-BISMiS Student Member	\$250	\$300	\$400
BISMiS Student Member	\$220	\$250	\$350

Notes:

- Registration status is determined by the date of payment, not the date of online registration. Participants who register but do not complete payment within the applicable period will be charged the on-site rate upon arrival.
- Payment methods (login required):
 - PayPal
 - Bank transfer (upload receipt to personal account. Include a note: "Institution+ Name + Conference Registration")
- For registration assistance, please contact the Organizing Committee at contact@bismis2025.com.
- All travel and accommodation expenses are the responsibility of participants. Updates regarding the meeting's format, schedule, or venue will be communicated as needed.

Bank Details:

Beneficiary: QINGDAO SHENGXI CONFERENCE SERVICES CO., LTD

Bank: QINGDAO RURAL COMMERCIAL BANK CORPORATION

Account: 2060291006222811140075

SWIFT Code: QDRCCNBQ

Address: T1 (QRCB Mansion), No.6 Qinling Road, Qingdao, China

Refund Policy:

- Full refunds available until **17 September 2025**
- No refunds will be issued after this date
- Approved refunds will be processed within 7–10 business days

XI. Visa Information

International participants requiring a visa to enter China are advised to apply at least one month in advance. Visa regulations vary depending on nationality. Consult your local Chinese embassy or consulate. Some nationalities may qualify for visa exemption under bilateral agreements. Refer to the [official list](#) for more details.

XII. Travel Information

By Air: Route from Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport

Online Ride-Hailing: Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport is approximately 80 kilometers from the Qingdao Haiquan Bay Crown Holiday Resort Hotel. A taxi ride typically takes around 1 hour and costs approximately 290 RMB.

Subway: From the airport, take Line 8 (towards Qingdao North Station). Transfer to Line 3 (towards Licun Station), then transfer to Line 2 (towards Miaoling Road Station). Finally, transfer to the Blue Valley Express (towards Shuipo Station). After 3 transfers, disembark at Shuipo Station. From Exit A, either walk 1,900 meters or take a taxi to the hotel.

From Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport (~80 km):

- Taxi: ~1 hour (~290 RMB)
- Subway: Line 8 → Line 3 → Line 2 → Blue Valley Express → Shuipo Station → walk/taxi (1.9 km)

By Train: Route from Qingdao North Railway Station

Online Ride-Hailing: Qingdao North Railway Station is approximately 45 kilometers from the hotel. A taxi ride typically takes around 1 hour and costs about 100 RMB.

Subway: From the station, take Line 3 (towards Licun Station), transfer to Line 2 (towards Miaoling Road Station), and then transfer to the Oceanec Valley Line (towards Shuipo Station). After 3 transfers, disembark at Shuipo Station. From Exit A, either walk 1,900 meters or take a taxi to the hotel.

From Qingdao North Railway Station (~45 km):

- Taxi: ~1 hour (~100 RMB)

- Subway: Line 3 → Line 2 → Blue Valley Express → Shuipo Station →
walk/taxi

By Train: Route from Qingdao Railway Station

Online Ride-Hailing: Qingdao Railway Station is approximately 57.7 kilometers from the hotel. A taxi ride typically takes about 1.1 hours and costs around 150 RMB.

Subway: Take Line 3 (towards May 4 Square Station), transfer to Line 2 (towards Miaoling Road Station), and then transfer to the Oceantec Valley Line (towards Shuipo Station). After 3 transfers, disembark at Shuipo Station. From Exit A, either walk 1,900 meters or take a taxi to the hotel.

From Qingdao Railway Station (~58 km):

- Taxi: ~1.1 hours (~150 RMB)
- Subway: Line 3 → Line 2 → Blue Valley Express → Shuipo Station →
walk/taxi

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We look forward to welcoming you to the Sixth BISMiS Meeting in Qingdao.

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