

DANISH MICROBIOLOGICAL SOCIETY YEARLY REPORT 2021

In 2021, the Danish Microbiological Society; had record number of attendees at the annual congress resulting in a financial surplus and continued the success of online events among society activities.

DMS decided to extend ongoing memberships from the DMS Annual Congress 2019 to 2020, due to the COVID19 pandemic. Usually, all congress attendees also become members of the society but since the congress in 2020 was cancelled this was not possible. Hence the board decided to extend memberships.

The 2021 general assembly was held as an online meeting followed by a symposium on “Antibiotic resistance – its environmental dimension”, which included talks by Prof. Barth F. Smets from DTU, Prof. Frank Aarestrup from DTU, Senior Researcher Arnafud Dechesne from DTU and Ass. Prof Joseph Nesme from KU.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still lurking around, the board meetings were kept online, meaning that in 2021 there has been very limited expenses relating to board meetings.

DMS activities 2021

The DMS Annual congress took place at Marmorhallen, University of Copenhagen on 15 November 2021. The congress had a record number of attendees, where 397 attended the congress. The congress covered 3 keynotes, 6 parallel sessions, 5 flash poster presentation sessions, poster sessions, industry symposia and exhibition.

The DMS has continued to host Mondays in Microbiology webinars. In 2021, the board hosted two online events, in May and September.

Both events were well attended and participants were very engaged by asking questions after each talk. The number of online attendees has decreased slightly compared to 2020, but this was to be expected as society has opened up more and people meet more in-person than when we launched the webinar series.

DMS Annual congress 2022

In 2022, the DMS Annual Congress will be taking place on a Monday in November as usual. The board is currently working on finding a suitable venue with enough space, as we have seen a rise in congress attendees the past couple of years.

International collaboration

The FEMS 2022 Regional Meeting, which will be organized by DMS, ESM and FEMS has been postponed to 2024, since the first FEMS Regional Meeting that was supposed to be held in 2020 was postponed to 2022.

DMS will organize a session at the FEMS Congress 2023 in Hamburg, the topic for the session has not yet been settled.

In conclusion, in spite of the Covid 19 Pandemic's effect on 2021, DMS has regained its physical activity level by being able to go through with the Congress. The society has kept expenses to a minimum and has a steady number of members.



It is intended that DMS in the coming years will further consolidate its status as the primary source of scientific and social networking activities for microbiologists studying or working in Denmark. www.DMS.dk

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