

ISME social event during "Microbial genomes and metagenomes" course held in Helsinki 11-15.12.2017

A graduate school course on bioinformatics behind microbial genomes and metagenomes was arranged at University of Helsinki in December 2017. There were 32 participants at the course and the teachers were from Portugal, USA, Sweden and Finland.



In the middle of the very intensive week we had a social event sponsored by ISME. I gave a short presentation on ISME and advertised the ISME conference in Leipzig in coming summer. There were several new graduate students who have never attended conferences and there was lot of discussion why ISME should be choice as it covers different areas of microbiology so well. Not mention the ISME party.



There was a lively discussion on booking Airbnbs together, students were already checking flights to Berlin and enjoying card tricks by one of our teacher Tom Delmont. I had reserved the room for 2 hours but the students enjoyed the social event and we decided to extend it to 4 hours. I am sure there will several new ISME members from Finland.



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