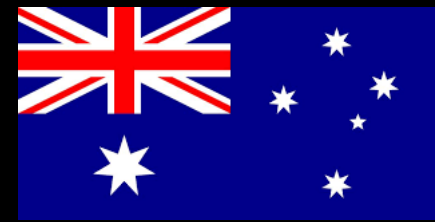
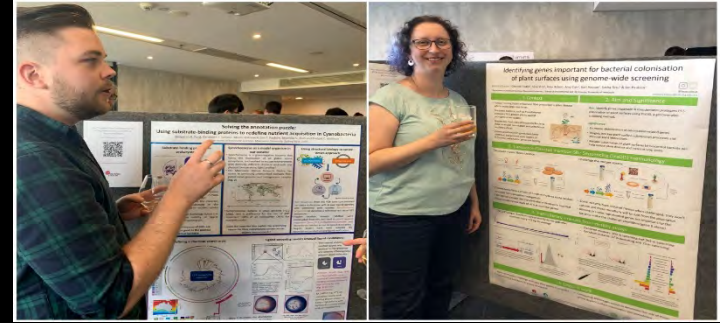


# Australia



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ISME again sponsored the Annual Symposium of the Sydney Joint Academic Microbiology Seminars (JAMS), held at the Australian Museum. Over 100 microbial ecologists from all over Australia attended, with talks presented by several leading researchers, including Jim Tiedje (Michigan State, USA) and Daniel Vaultot (CNRS, France). ISME sponsorship funded the student poster prizes.



We also organised a National Science Week event, *Ask a Microbiologist*, in Brisbane with 43 delegates and 5 panel members. The audience included undergraduate and postgraduate students and early to mid-career researchers from both academia and industry.



*“What an excellent opportunity to meet some of the people you hear about but never get a chance to talk to personally”*