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Chemostat/Continuous culture studies; Bioreactors; Microbial contamination in the food industry; Biofilms in food processing; Microbial inactivation (in food, water) by UV and other treatments; Mathematical modelling of microbial processes

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Soil bacterial ecology, particularly in relation to nitrogen and carbon cycling; Functional genes involved in denitrification; Impacts of soil management, pollution or climate change

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Microorganisms in terrestrial ecosystems; Soil microbial diversity and community structure; Plant-microbe interactions; Bacterial interspecific interactions; Production of antimicrobial compounds; Fungal-bacterial interactions; Soil fungistasis and general soil suppressiveness; Differential gene expression

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Plant growth promoting bacterial-rhizosphere associations; Symbiotic and non-symbiotic biological nitrogen fixation; Physiology and ecology of Azospirillum as a model system for rhizosphere studies

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Physiology, ecology and biodiversity of fungi, especially in extreme environments; Fungal biotechnology; Production of extracellular enzymes and secondary metabolites; Pathogenic fungi; Medicinal mushrooms; Culture collections and strain preservation

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Stress responses by yeast to the environment; Microbial solute channels; Fungal biotechnology; Hemicellulose biodegradation by fungi

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The function and biogenesis of mitochondria and chloroplasts; Genetics and molecular biology of lower eukaryotes with emphasis on cell organelles

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Mycobacteria, especially pathogenesis; Microbial genetics and molecular biology; Gene regulation; Two-component signal transduction

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Bacterial and archaeal stress responses; Regulation of gene expression including comparative transcriptomics; Molecular chaperones in bacteria and archaea; Protein folding; Basic archaeal cell and molecular biology

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Genetics and virulence factors of staphylococci; Adherence of gram-positive bacteria; Experimental infection models in animals; Microbial immunity and vaccines against gram-positive bacteria; Function of antibodies against surface structures

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Bacterial pathogenicity; Medical bacteriology; Intracellular bacteria; Immune response to infection

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Fish microbiology; Fish pathogenicity; Immunology and vaccine development in fish species

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Bacterial cytochrome biosynthesis and electronic transfer pathways; Microbial physiology, especially the regulation of anaerobic metabolism of enteric bacteria; Nitrate and nitrite reduction by bacteria; Microbial pathogenicity of gonococci

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Physiology, biochemistry, molecular biology and genetics of anoxygenic phototropic bacteria; Microbial sulfur metabolism; Electron transport

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Antibiotic biosynthesis and resistance; Actinomycetes and corynebacteria

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Microbial physiology and biochemistry; Nitrogen fixation and nitrogenases; Hydrogen metabolism and hydrogenases; Rhizobacteria (free-living and symbiotic); Metal Microbiology, especially Mo, W, V and Ni; Agricultural microbiology

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Protein-DNA interaction; Bacterial chromatin organisation; Protein-protein interaction (non-membrane); DNA chemical/enzymatic reactivity

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Bacterial metabolism and bioenergetics, especially anaerobic respiration; Maturation of electron transport enzymes

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