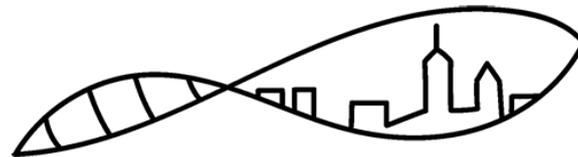


REMNET



RESEARCH EXPERIENCES IN MICROBIOMES NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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An interactive map of where the REMNet members are. Double click to start.

NEWS FROM THE NETWORK

Greetings **REMnet** community! Welcome to our inaugural newsletter. Our plan is to send these out monthly to keep you all informed and up to date with what we've been doing. As more members join, we'll feature you on our interactive map above. The network is getting bigger everyday. This issue features some information on our working groups to which you've all been invited as well as some resources to help you navigate this challenging time with the COVID-19 pandemic. It's never been more important to work together, maintain our community and share what we can with one another.

Since the inception of our network, **REMnet** has:

- Created and uploaded training videos on how you can conduct microbiology research - These videos cover things from
- Launched a website on [QUBES](#) - The site features our videos, our soon to be active blog as well as other resources as we find them.
- Attended GRC 2019 - We held a pop-up meeting with over 27 attendees
- Attended and held a meeting at ASMCUE 2019 - We presented to 30 attendees
- Attended and held a meeting at ABRCMS 2019 - We recruited ~15 new members
- Two members attended and presented at SEBASM 2020

REMnet by the numbers:

151 Members - Across 32 States

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ESA MID-ATLANTIC: 4/3/20-4/5/20

REGISTRATION ENDS 3/22/20

POSTPONED UNTIL 10/16/20-10/18/20

REGISTRATION ENDS 9/25/20

ASM MICROBE*: 6/18/20-6/22/20

REGISTRATION ENDS 6/24/2020

BIOQUEST: 6/22/20-6/27/20

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

ASMCUE:** 7/9/20-7/12/20

REGISTRATION ENDS 7/1/20

SESSION PROPOSALS DUE 3/1/20

POSTER ABSTRACTS DUE 3/1/20

TRAVEL AWARDS DUE 3/15/20

MICROBREWS DUE 3/31/20

DISSEMINATION STATION DUE 3/31/20

SABER: 7/23/20-7/26/20

ABSTRACTS DUE 3/31/20

SENCER SSI: 7/30/20-8/2/20

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Our meeting at ABRCMS 2019.

WORKING GROUPS

Making use of the vast expertise across the network, we've assembled working groups. We'll be reaching out to confirm the membership. These working groups will be focusing on:

- **Wet-Bench** - develop and standardize protocols for sampling strategies, collecting metadata, DNA extraction, sample storage and sequencing
- **Bioinformatics** - standardize and create training tools for data analysis and visualization
- **Access** - develop and maintain on-line resources for training and data sharing
- **Assessment** - integrate assessment for microbiome CUREs
- **Dissemination** - national dissemination

If you've not signed up to be in a working group and would like to get involved please email us at ugmicronet@gmail.com

RESOURCES

Moving your course online? You're probably as overwhelmed as we are!

We've created a [Google Doc](#) that we're continuously updating with resources that may help you pivot your microbiome courses online. These include:

- Videos of methods like PCR and Extractions
- Virtual labs that can serve a substitutes for wet labs
- Simulations that can help reinforce concepts and ideas
- We're also updating our QUBES site to include these resources as well as to kick start our online communications in real-time. This way we may be able to help you as problems arise.

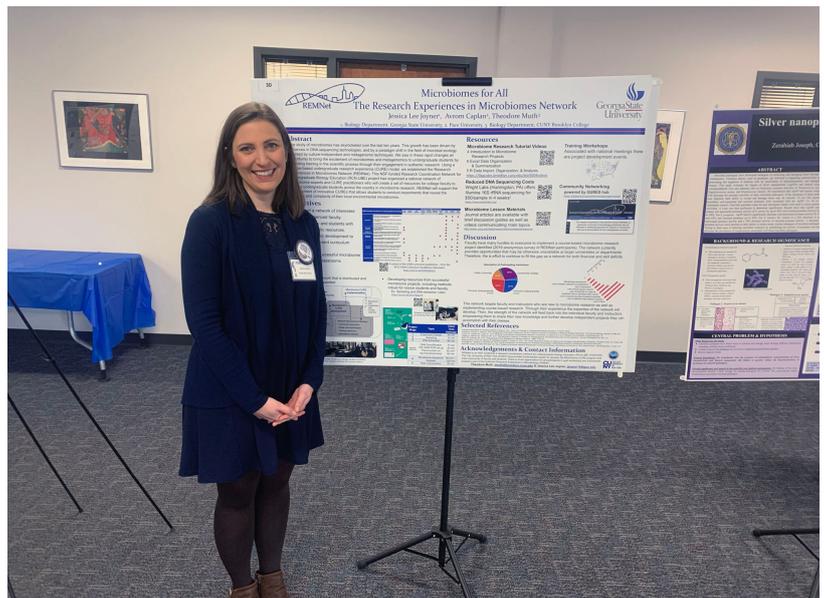
Zotero - shared library

To save you effort we're curating a Zotero library that is shared among the network. Zotero is a free citation manager that can integrate with Chrome and Google Docs. It will save you trying to format citations as you rearrange your syllabuses and apply for grants/write papers if that's something you plan on doing.

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And for when we can get back to work here's a great and excited deal on cheaper sequencing

Wright Labs, of Huntingdon PA, is offering Illumina 16S sequencing for \$50/sample to **REMNet** community members !!! For more information on how to get this offer, visit us on [QUBES Hub](#).



Jessica Joyner presented a poster and presentation at SEBASM 2020.

