GREETINGS REMNET COMMUNITY

Here’s a List of Colleges’ Plans for Reopening in the Fall

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The coronavirus pandemic has led higher education leaders from institutions large and small to made decisions about when to reopen campuses and how to go about it. The Chronicle is tracking individual college plans. Most say they are planning for an in-person fall semester. We’ve recently updated our list of colleges that have made plans available.

For many of us, we’re waiting with bated breath. For others, we’re faced with the struggle of how to teach our microbiology courses online, face-to-face, or in a hybrid format?

If you have ideas, suggestions that we could share with the network please reach out to us @ ugmicronet@gmail.com

REMNET WANTS TO HELP YOU!

What about Case Studies?
One possible approach would be to use case studies in your courses. We’ve recruited Carlos Coller to join our data analysis working group. He is PI on an RCN-UBE grant that is focused on developing case studies that feature high-throughput data analysis. Might be perfect for you!

Why not analyze Data?
We’ve begun a conversation with CSIL to investigate the use of DNA Subways’ purple line. We’ll keep you posted. As always, our resources on data analysis are available to you all and we look forward to what our working group comes up with.

Workshops and training?
Next week on Tuesday, REMNet is hosting a half day workshop just ahead of ASMCUE that you’re all welcome to attend. We’re also planning some sessions at this year’s BIOME meeting with QUBES and a poster presentation at ESA.

If you know of anything that might be of interest to the network, let us know and we’ll share!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

VIRTUAL REMNET WORKSHOP:
7/7/2020
REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

ASMCUE: 7/9/20 - 7/12/20
IS GOING ONLINE!
REGISTRATION ENDS 7/1/20

BIOQUEST: 7/27/20 - 8/7/20
WILL BE HELD AS AN ONLINE WORKSHOP
REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

SABER: 7/10/20 - 7/17/20; 7/24/20 - 7/31/20
ONLINE WEBINARS WILL BE HELD IN FOUR SESSIONS
REGISTRATION OPEN NOW (FREE)

SENCER SSL: 7/30/20 - 8/2/20
WILL BE HELD AS AN ONLINE MEETING
PROPOSAL DEADLINE 6/15/20

ESA MID-ATLANTIC:
POSTPONED UNTIL 10/6/20 - 10/8/20
REGISTRATION ENDS 9/25/20

AAAS is seeking proposals for
"UNDERSTANDING DYNAMIC ECOSYSTEMS"
Proposal deadline 7/14/20

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

**PARE Pilot for Fall!!!**

The Prevalence of Antibiotic Resistance in the Environment (PARE) project has developed a short, pilot virtual course for students who are unable to take in-person classes for the fall semester, but have access to a working computer and Wi-Fi. The course will cover the fundamentals of antimicrobial resistance and include a bioinformatics activity for students to complete for a broader understanding.

For more information about the course please contact scarlet.bliss@tufts.edu

For more information about the program and if you would like to participate, please contact carolinascom_stack@tufts.edu by July 15, 2020.

**Call for Papers**

The Journal of Microbiology & Biology Education (JMBE) has announced a Call for Manuscripts for a special issue focused on “Teaching in a Time of Crisis.” We invite manuscripts that offer perspectives, reviews, tools and curricular supports, and research findings collected during the COVID-19 crisis that provide insights into teaching during this period. Learn more about the submission requirements at http://jmbesubmissions.asm.org/index.php/jmbe/about/submissions. To be considered for the issue, manuscripts must be submitted by October 1, 2020.

**World Microbiome Day Competitions**

We have got something for everyone.

- A sourdough (bread) competition for adults!
- Microbe drawings for kids!
- Diversity photography for adults.

The deadline for submissions is 14th July and winners will be announced on 21st July.

**WORLD MICROBIOME DAY 27th JUNE**

Last week was world microbiome day. For many of us we celebrated all things microbial. For many others, engaged in the fight against COVID19, they engaged in biowarfare against the very microbiomes we’re celebrating. See here as evidenced in this picture. How do we persuade our colleagues to forgo the hand sanitizer and choose hand-washing when they have to travel sooooo far to the sink! I wonder what Ignaz Semmelweis would have to say about this!

Show me the science from the CDC

**CURES IN THE TIME OF COVID**

Enid Gonzalez-Orta

Teaching CUREs in the time of COVID19