

MICROBES WITHOUT BORDERS

A HYBRID WORKSHOP ON MICROBIAL ECOLOGY AND ECOSYSTEM HEALTH

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GUEST SPEAKERS



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Microbes in space



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Antimicrobial resistance as a borderless microbial phenomenon: Implications for global health security



Shinji Yamasaki (Ph.D., Kyoto University, Japan)
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How to control zoonosis: The need for a One Health approach



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Avian influenza H9N2 virus: The silent trojan horse of the next influenza pandemic



Ishara Perera (Ph.D., Tohoku University, Japan)
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Networks in the water column: Linking microbes, plankton, and global change