

Welcome Message

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of all Dutch mycologists, we are delighted and very honoured to host the 12th edition of the International Mycological Congress (IMC12), one of the most prestigious international mycological meetings. The congress will be held in the city of Maastricht, Netherlands, from **11-15 August 2024**.

This World Congress represents a unique opportunity for mycologists from around the world to get together and enjoy excellent science in one of Europe's most impressive cities. We hope you will join us in creating an inspiring and diverse scientific programme.

Besides offering an excellent, inclusive and comprehensive scientific programme, currently under construction, we will support the training of young researchers from countries with limited resources, making it accessible at preferential prices for attendees from developing countries. In the spirit of the International Mycological Association (IMA), we are truly committed to the present and future of mycology, fostering the training and building of a strong mycological community worldwide.

This four-day meeting will include keynote lectures by scientific leaders, bridging sessions and workshops in seven themes: Cell biology, biochemistry and physiology; Environment, ecology and interactions; Evolution, biodiversity and systematics; Fungal pathogenesis and disease control; Genomics, genetics and molecular biology; Applied Mycology and Nomenclature.

In addition to excellent science, the participants will also be able to enjoy many networking opportunities with

colleagues.

We look forward to meeting you in August 2024!

With best wishes,

Wieland Meyer, President of the International Mycological
Association

Pedro Crous, Chair of IMC12