**Foodmicrobionet: expression of interest**

Dear Prof. Parente,

this is to confirm that my research group is interested in pursuing the FoodMicrobionet initiative, which has the purpose of creating an open source data repository and visualisation tool for food microbial ecology data generated by pyrosequencing of the 16S RNA or of the 16S RNA gene. The details of the initiative are currently described at:

http://www2.unibas.it/parente/wordpress/?page\_id=761

I understand that you will act temporarily as a coordinator of the initiative, until a consortium agreement is in place.

The role of my research group will be (please select one):

Inizio modulo

 **Core group**: I agree **to provide data from at least two NGS studies** on food microbiota in a format suitable for import in the current version of FoodMicrobionet. I will continue contributing data files if possible. As an alternative I will partecipate as a bioinformatician providing software tools and advice. I will actively participate in further developments (including recruiting of new research groups) of the initiative and in publishing the results on web sites and on scientific journals. I agree to the nondisclosure terms as detailed below.

Fine modulo

Inizio modulo

 **Contributor**: I agree **to provide data from at least one NGS** study on food microbiota in a format suitable for import in the current version of FoodMicrobionet. I want to be informed on further developments of the initiative. I agree to the nondisclosure terms as detailed below.

Fine modulo

Inizio modulo

 **Observer**: I want to be informed on further developments of the initiative. I agree to the nondisclosure terms as detailed below.

Fine modulo

I realize that I will be given the following access privileges to data and visualisation tools developed in the initiative:

1. **core group**: I will be given full access to all password protected web pages, to the network files and to the edges and nodes files of the most current version of Foodmicrobionet
2. **contributor**: I will be given full access to all password protected web pages, to the network files and to the edges and nodes files of the version of FoodMicrobionet including the data I have provided. Further access may be granted by the core group
3. **observer:** I will be given access to public pages and files only and I agree to ne included in the Foodmicrobionet mailing list.

By signing this agreement I agree not to divulge access credentials for password protected pages and not to transfer to third party any data or network file I will receive without the written permission of the coordinator.

The main contact person of my group will be:

Title ..................................................

Name ..................................................

Surname ..................................................

Role ..................................................

Institution ..................................................

Address ..................................................

City ..................................................

Postal code ..................................................

State/Province ..................................................

Country ..................................................

E-mail ..................................................

Please include the folowing people in the mailing list

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