

## APPOINTMENT LETTER

Dear Robert Czajkowski,

We would like to invite you to join the International Board of Early-Mid Career Ambassadors of ISME, as ECR Ambassador for Poland.

The primary role of Ambassadors is to promote ISME activities and to grow ISME membership within your country and to work with national and regional microbiology societies to promote microbial ecology.

You will be expected to promote and encourage participation of your colleagues in ISME Symposia, to promote the ISME Journal, initiate workshops on specific topics in microbial ecology and environmental microbiology and convey the importance of our disciplines to the general public. The ISME Office will send you promotional material for ISME and the ISME Journal for use at your regional and national meetings.

You are encouraged to take advantage of funding through the ISME Ambassadors Program in order to fund or co-fund events and activities. This is accessed through the Director of the Ambassador Program, Nicole Webster and can provide amounts of €500 - €1000 to help support your activities. Please discuss your ideas for ISME activities with Nicole and her Deputy Cecilia Alonso before requesting funding. Ambassadors will also be encouraged to liaise with Ambassadors in neighboring countries in order to stimulate ideas for regional events (where resources may be pooled). To facilitate this, Ambassadors may wish to take advantage of new funds available to ISME Members, which include the ISME Development Fund and the ISME Promotional Fund. These funds are designed to help ISME Members, working with ISME Senior Ambassadors and ECR Ambassadors, to bid for funding for training workshops, PhD Summer Schools, develop activities with National/Regional Microbial Ecology Societies, develop a Visiting Scientist Program to promote ISME, invite Keynote Speakers or ISME Ambassadors to national or regional microbial ecology societies, set up writing workshops with Chief/Senior Editors.

Early-Mid Career Ambassadors, in collaboration with their respective Ambassador will be expected to write a brief (1/2 page) report outlining ISME-related activities they have been involved in on an annual basis. We also encourage Ambassadors to write a short article for the ISME Newsletter highlighting microbial ecology in their country.

Early-Mid Career Ambassadors will, as a thank-you for their hard work, receive free annual membership to ISME. The normal term for Ambassadors and ECR Ambassadors is for three years, but this can be extended at the discretion of the Director of the Ambassador Program.

Yours sincerely,



Ed DeLong  
President of ISME



Nicole Webster  
Ambassadors Program Director