Kick-Off Event
The Comammox Research Platform

Thursday, 14 March 2019, 16:30
Sky Lounge, University of Vienna, Oskar-Morgenstern-Platz 1, 1090 Vienna

Massive disruption of the global nitrogen cycle by agriculture and other human activities leads to collapsing ecosystems.

The interdisciplinary Comammox Research Platform at the University of Vienna explores novel microbial key players in the nitrogen cycle.

The kick-off event focuses on environmental issues due to nitrogen:
• How agriculture affects the nitrogen cycle and why essential soil microbes amplify the environmental impact of fertilization.
• Scientific challenges to be overcome to mitigate these problems.
• And an electronic quiz on nitrogen – with some luck, win a prize!
Program

16:00 Registration

16:30 Welcome Address and Introduction
Jean-Robert Tyran, Vice Rector, University of Vienna
Holger Daims, Head of the Comammox Research Platform

16:45 Key Lecture
Soil ammonia oxidisers: microscopic instigators of a global Catch-22
James I. Prosser, University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom

17:30 The Comammox Research Platform: Structure and Objectives
Holger Daims, Dept. of Microbiology and Ecosystem Science
Kristina Djinović-Carugo, Dept. of Structural and Computational Biology

18:00 Comammox...What? Smartphone Quiz about Nitrogen
Moderator:
Michael Wagner, Dept. of Microbiology and Ecosystem Science

18:30 Get-together and Refreshments (until 19:30)

Please register online until March 3: registration link

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