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- Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Southern Denmark.
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Program

Thursday May 12th

09 30 - 10 00	Registration (coffee)		
10 00	Welcome by organizer (Lars B. Jensen)		
	<u>Session I: Phages</u> Chair Mogens Kilstrup and Lars B. Jensen		
10 05	Karin Hammer	DTU	Overview lecture on phages
10 35	Lone Brønsted	KU-Life	Identification of a novel receptor of phages infecting <i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>
11 00	Witold Kot	KU-Life	Sequence and comparative analysis of <i>Leuconostoc</i> dairy bacteriophages
11 20	Peter Kjølgaard	KU-Life	Mutations interfering with mobilization of prophages and pathogenicity islands
11 40- 12 00	Break		
	<u>Session II Antimicrobial compounds</u> Chair: Lars B. Jensen and Nete Bernbom		
12 00	Gitte Knudsen	DTU	Sub-lethal concentrations of antibiotics affect gene expression and physiology of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
12 20	Line E. Thomsen	KU-Life	Peptoid inhibits essential cellular functions through unspecific binding to DNA in <i>S. aureus</i>
12 40	Ellen G. Christensen	DTU	Triclosan exposure induce aminoglycoside resistance in <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
13 00 - 14 00	Lunch		
	<u>Session II: Production and processing</u> Chair : Søren Aabo and Marianne Halberg Larsen		
14 00	Krist Gernaey	DTU	Linking population heterogeneity to fermentator mechanistic modeling approach
	Jan Martinussen	DTU	Lactic Acid Bacteria as a new platform for sustain. biochemicals – challenges and opportunities
14 30	Jakob Vang Rytter	DTU	Redirecting carbon fluxes in <i>Corynebacterium glutamicum</i>
15 00	Cleide O.A. Møller	DTU	Modelling transfer of <i>Salmonella</i> DT104 during the grinding of pork
15 20	Thomas Janzen	Chr. Hansen	Use of urease negative mutants from <i>S. thermophilus</i> to avoid floating curd during cottage cheese production

16 00 - 16 15	Break		
	Poster flashes		
16 15	Katrine Joensen	SSI	Detection of a New bacteriophage among <i>Salmonella</i> outbreak isolates
16 20	Finn K. Vogensen	KU-Life	Analysis of lactococcal 936 phage population at a dairy by quantitative PCR and PCR-DGGE.
16 25	Cecilie Marvig Nielsen	KU-Life	Heat tolerance of dairy lactococcal c2 phages
16 30	Cisse Hedegaard Porsby	DTU	Effect of tropodithietic acid on gene expression in <i>Salmonella Typhimurium</i>
16 35	Marianne Kirstine Kjeldsen	SSI	Development of a multiple-locus variable number tandem repeat analysis for subtyping of <i>Salmonella Dublin</i>
16 40	Paw Dalgaard	DTU	Pasta Salad Predictor – development of a new tool to support shelf-life and safety management
16 45	Per Sand Røshaug	KU-Life	Predictive model of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>
16 50	Sidsel Henriksen	DTU	The impact of commercially available starter cultures on virulence properties of <i>Salmonella Typhimurium</i> in in-vitro cell culture assays and gene expression studies
16 55	Tine Rask Licht	DTU	Effects of putatively prebiotic carbohydrates on pathogenic infections

17 00 - 18 30 Poster session and drinks

19 00 Dinner

Friday May 13th

8 00 - 9 00 Breakfast

Session VI: Intestinal microbiology

Chair: Tine R Licht+ Dennis Sandris Nielsen

9 00	Lars Engstrand	Karolinska	Abstract missing
9 40	Anders Bergström	DTU	Gut Low Density Array (GULDA), a novel approach to the study of the intestinal

microbial system

10 00	Tine Ebersbach	DTU	Metagenomic sequencing of the faecal microbiota of guinea pigs fed with probiotics
10 20	Mathilde B. Kristensen	DTU	The complexity of the murine microbiota Influences recruitment of immune cells in early life
10 40	Anne Holch	DTU	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> strains encoding <i>inlA</i> with premature stop codons are able to infect pregnant mice
11 00 - 11 15	Break		
	<u>Session V: Biofilm and adhesion</u>		
	Chair: Paw Dalgaard and Susanne Knøchel		
11 15	Tim Tolker-Nielsen	Panum	Mechanisms involved in the formation of <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> biofilms
11 45	Nete Bernbom	DTU	The effect of marine bacterial biofilms on attachment of common microbial biofoulers
12 05	Julie Szavik	KU-Life	Initial adhesion of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> to solid surfaces under liquid flow
12 25	Closing of the symposium		
12 30	Lunch		

9. Initial adhesion of *Listeria monocytogenes* to solid surfaces under liquid flow

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It has been found that some strains of the food borne pathogen *Listeria monocytogenes* have a higher tendency to persist in food processing environments than other strains. The exact reason behind this phenomenon is not known, but strain differences in the ability to adhere to solid surfaces could offer an explanation. In the present work, the initial adhesion of nine strains of *L. monocytogenes* was investigated under liquid flow at two levels of shear stress on six different surfaces using a flow chamber set-up and microscopy. The surfaces tested were glass and PVC as well as glass coated with beef extract, casein, homogenized, and unhomogenized milk to elucidate strain differences and the importance of surface soiling in food production equipment on initial adhesion. In addition the effect of environmental stress (NaCl and low nutrient availability) on initial adhesion was investigated. The hydrophobicity of the investigated surfaces was determined by contact angle measurements and the surface properties of the investigated *L. monocytogenes* strains were determined using MATS. Strain differences were found to significantly influence initial adhesion rate (IAR) of all nine strains to all the surfaces ($P < 0.05$) at both low and high shear stress. Further there was a significant effect of the surfaces tested ($P < 0.05$) in the adhesion ability of almost all strains. The IAR was affected by flow rate (shear stress) seen by a decrease in adhesion at high shear stress. All surfaces were highly hydrophobic and there was no correlation between surface hydrophobicity and IAR. There was a decrease in IAR when the cells were propagated in TSB with 5% NaCl compared to TSB without NaCl and an increase when propagated in low nutrient media (10% TSB). These results indicate that there are large differences in initial adhesion properties between different strains of *L. monocytogenes* under liquid flow, but no clear correlation behind IAR and persistence was found. Further studies are needed to elucidate the mechanisms behind these observations.