

MicrobiomeSupport Association Retreat 2026

27-29 April 2026 | Ce.U.B. - University Centre of Bertinoro
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Monday, 27 th April	
Time	
17:00	Shuttle transfer from Bologna Airport to Bertinoro
Evening	Welcome Dinner in Bertinoro (optional, dinner at own expense)

Tuesday, 28 th April			
Time	Session	Format	Duration [min]
09:00 - 09:15	Introduction		15
09:15 - 10:00	What do MS members expect from the Association?	Breakout groups	45
10:00 - 10:30	Reporting from breakout groups and discussion	Plenary	30
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break		15
10:45 - 11:45	Future development of the Food System Microbiomes Conference	Plenary	60
11:45 - 12:15	Update on CSA activities	Plenary	30
12:15 - 12:45	Global Bioeconomy Summit 2026	Plenary	30
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch		75
14:00 - 16:00	World Café discussions: i) How should the Association engage with industry? ii) What are the main regulatory barriers for microbiome applications? iii) How can the Association interact more effectively with policy and stakeholders?	World Café	120
16:00 - 16:15	Coffee break		15
16:15 - 17:00	Reporting from discussion groups and plenary discussion	Plenary	45
17:00	End of day		
Evening	Dinner (offered by MicrobiomeSupport)		

Wednesday, 29 th April			
Time	Session	Format	Duration [min]
09:00 - 10:30	World Café discussions: i) Should the Association support early-career researchers? ii) Future scientific directions in microbiome research iii) Role of the SRIA for the Association	World Café	90
10:30 - 10:45	Coffee break		15
10:45 - 11:30	Reporting from discussion groups	Plenary	45
11:30 - 12:30	Community growth and membership strategy	Plenary	60
12:30	End of day		