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## Bacterial Genetics and Ecology Inspire the Biotechnology of an Evolving Global Economy

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

The eleventh conference of "BAGECO" will be held in the island of Corfu in Greece next May 2011 ([www.bageco11.org](http://www.bageco11.org)). Following the tradition of BAGECO meetings, in the program of BAGECO11 it has been included themes like Molecular Biology for the Environment, The Microbial Environment and Human Health, Micro-environment and Plant Health, Marine Ecosystems and Health. In addition, a full day session on Synthetic Biology as roundtable discussion has been organized with excellent invited speakers who will cover all issues concerning the new avenues which Synthetic Biology opens for Microbial Ecology/Genetics/Biotechnology and opinions about those issues that affect science, technology and socioeconomics. Finally, the Third Generation Sequencing Technology will be covered in the corresponding session.

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