

## ISME Sponsorship Grant Financial Report 2024

A total of €3000 has been used for the establishment and organization of the SeqCode Prize 2024. This prize recognized significant achievements in prokaryotic systematics advancing the SeqCode, including implementation of software for the Registry, development of methods for evaluation of genomic data quality, use of the SeqCode in systematics, and creation of educational material. The deadline for applications was January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

The award was presented to Diego Javier Jiménez Avella, a Research Scientist at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology, Saudi Arabia, for contributions to educational materials and use of the SeqCode in systematics. He will receive financial travel support (reimbursement) to attend ISME 2024. The process of selection has been additionally documented in the minutes of the SeqCode Committee Executive Board meetings:

<https://zenodo.org/communities/seqcode/records>

The SeqCode Prize was presented to Dr. Jiménez Avella on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, during the SeqCode Roundtable in ISME19 in Cape Town, South Africa, by Prof. Stephanus Venter. The certificate includes the ISME logo, as documented below:



Left: Diego Jiménez and Stephanus Venter during the awarding of the SeqCode Prize. Right: SeqCode Prize certificate (original signed).

The funds associated to the SeqCode Prize are to be executed by the University of Innsbruck (Austria), under the supervision of Ass. Prof. Luis Miguel Rodriguez Rojas.

This report was prepared by Luis Miguel Rodriguez Rojas and approved by the signatories below on September 18, 2024.

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