



Special Sections for the 8th Biennial International Conference on the Biology of Vibrios

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The 8th biennial International Conference on the Biology of Vibrios (ICBV) was held at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, in November 2019. ICBV is the only international conference that focuses on *Vibrio* biology, and it routinely attracts faculty, students, postdoctoral fellows, and staff from research hospitals, government agencies, and private companies.

ICBV showcased a broad range of research activities currently being conducted on the biology of vibrios. The scientific program focused on the theme “Genomes to Biology,” emphasizing the enormous research gains that have been made recently with the advent of next-generation sequencing. Specific sessions included “Ecology of Vibrios,” “Systematics & Evolution,” “Host-Microbe Interactions,” “Vibrios and Their Viruses,” “Genome Biology,” “Vibrio Physiology,” and “Type VI Secretion Systems,” as well as a special session on the challenges posed by *Vibrio* to the seafood industry.

This issue of the *Journal of Bacteriology* presents special sections with some of the excellent work shared at the conference, along with timely review articles that describe the use of zebrafish models for pathogenic vibrios and the activation of *Vibrio* toxins by ADP-ribosylation factor family GTPases. Please enjoy these articles and consider submitting your work to an ASM journal.

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