

Report

on the ISME sponsored prize (200 Euro) for the best research article published by the young scientist in the field of microbial ecology

Each December, the Interregional Russian Microbiological Society (<http://microbiosociety.ru/about-us>) announces a competition among young scientists-microbiologists for the best paper published in the outgoing year. Usually, 3 prizes are announced & awarded. In 2019, one additional, ISME sponsored prize (200 Euro) was announced for the best research article in the field of microbial ecology.

The Competition Committee has decided to award the ISME prize to Konstantin Chekanov (Lomonosov Moscow State University) for the series of articles on diversity and physiological adaptations of carotenogenic microalgae in the White Sea polar region, which includes the following publications:

1) Chekanov et al. Diversity of carotenogenic microalgae in the White Sea polar region. *FEMS Microbiol Ecol* 2020, 96 (1), fiz183

2) Chekanov et al. Eukaryotic sequences in the 16S rRNA metagenomics dataset of algal-bacterial consortia of the White Sea coastal zone. *Eukaryotic Microbiology* 2019 <https://doi.org/10.1111/jeu.12722>

3) Chekanov et al. Non-photochemical quenching in the cells of the carotenogenic chlorophyte *Haematococcus lacustris* under favorable conditions and under stress. *Biochimica et Biophysica Acta* 2019, 1863, 1429-1442.

The corresponding announcement about ISME-sponsored prize was published on the website of the Interregional Russian Microbiological Society (<http://microbiosociety.ru/isme-prize-for-the-best-paper-in-the-field-of-microbial-ecology.html>) (Fig. 1). ISME Ambassador Svetlana Dedysh presented the ISME award to Konstantin Chekanov (Fig. 2) at the meeting of Moscow branch of the Society, which was held on March 6th, 2020.

The screenshot shows a webpage from the Interregional Russian Microbiological Society. The header features the society's logo and name in Russian: "МЕЖРЕГИОНАЛЬНОЕ МИКРОБИОЛОГИЧЕСКОЕ ОБЩЕСТВО". Below the header is a navigation menu with items like "О НАС", "ЧЛЕНСТВО", "FEMS", "НОВОСТИ", "СТРАНИЦЫ ИСТОРИИ", "МАТЕРИАЛЫ", "КОНТАКТЫ", and "ABOUT US". The main content area is titled "ISME prize for the best paper in the field of Microbial Ecology". It features the ISME logo and a text announcement in Russian. The announcement states that a special prize of 200 Euro was awarded by the International Society for Microbial Ecology (ISME) for the best research article in the field of microbial ecology. It then lists the publications awarded the prize: 1. Diversity of carotenogenic microalgae in the White sea polar region; 2. Eukaryotic sequences in the 16S rRNA metagenomic dataset of algal-bacterial consortia of the White sea coastal zone; 3. Non-photochemical quenching in the cells of the carotenogenic chlorophyte *Haematococcus lacustris* under favorable conditions and under stress; 4. Abstract. The announcement was published on 08.02.2020. At the bottom right, there are social media icons for VK, Facebook, and Twitter, along with a print icon.

Fig. 1. The announcement about ISME-sponsored prize for the best research article in the field of microbial ecology published on the website of the Interregional Russian Microbiological Society.



Fig. 2. ISME Ambassador Svetlana Dedysh presents the ISME award to Konstantin Chekanov (Lomonosov Moscow State University).