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Introduction to the Microbial Antarctic Resource System (mARS)

**SCAR 2014 Open Science Meeting
25-28 August 2014, Auckland , New Zealand**

Wednesday 27th August 2014

13.30-14.30: mARS lunch meeting

The microbial Antarctic Resources System (mARS) is an information system dedicated to facilitate the discovery, access and analysis of molecular microbial diversity (meta)data generated by Antarctic researchers. The scope of diversity will encompass all free living and host-associated virus, Bacteria, Archaea, and singled-celled Eukarya.

We welcome you to get in touch with the mARS development team during the SCAR 2014 OSC. Throughout the OSC we are happy to give hands-on advice on how to get your (meta)data into mARS.

During the mARS lunch session on the 27th we will present an overview of the latest developments of mARS, which will include an interactive discussion in which the community can provide feedback and discuss further initiatives. Following this, we will provide a brief hands on tutorial on how to use mARS.

You are welcome to contact the development team if you have any questions

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