Invitation to participate

Global survey on genetic microbiological testing in the water sector: future opportunities and challenges

The survey is open until 31st March 2024 and is available under the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BZCMPXR

The <u>IWA Health-Related Water Microbiology Specialist Group</u>, the <u>Austrian Interuniversity Cooperation Centre for Water and Health</u>, and the <u>Global Water Pathogens Project</u> are excited to announce a global survey focusing on the use of genetic (molecular) methods for microbiological water quality testing across the water sector.

They invite water utilities, testing and research facilities, and government agencies who work with microbiological water testing to take part in this survey. Additionally, legislative government branches, regulatory bodies, as well as expert groups responsible for shaping legislation and guidelines in the field, are also warmly welcome to actively participate.

The survey covers all areas of microbiological water testing from drinking water, through recreational water, water reuse, irrigation and built environments to wastewater surveillance.

The results of the survey, together with an analysis of prevailing trends, barriers and future prospects in genetic microbiological testing within the water sector, will be presented as an open access scientific article, freely available to everyone interested. The organizers sincerely appreciate the time and contributions of all participants in advancing the understanding of this pivotal topic.

Thank you for your support.