

# THEMATIC ISSUE ON

## ***Viable But Non-Culturable Microbes***

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The scope of this issue will focus on the so called viable but non-culturable (VBNC), microbes that cannot be detected, cultured and enumerated, but are not necessarily absent. The microcosms of sleeping and resisting cells have an enormous bandwidth, and many involved factors are unknown.

This phenomenon is an important topic for different areas and disciplines such as food and water microbiology, medical and clinical microbiology, as well as environmental microbiology. Hence, viability, detectability, dormant status, survival, and resuscitation of microbes, as well as their ecology, are criteria that still challenge the work of microbiologists. With this special issue in FEMS Microbiology Letters, an attempt is made to generate an interdisciplinary update of knowledge to this field.

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