



## Seminar

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Microbe-microbe and plant-microbe chemical communication

Chemical interactions and communication contribute greatly to an ecosystem's functioning and stability. Hence, the understanding of belowground interkingdom (bacteria, protists, fungi, plants) chemical interactions is crucial for assessing the functioning of a soil ecosystem. Plant- and microbe-derived compounds play an important role in belowground interactions, e.g. in signalling and interference competition. Both plants and microorganisms produce and secrete a wide variety of primary and secondary metabolites including volatile and non-volatile compounds. In my talk, I will present recent discovery of the ecological role of volatile compounds in long-distance belowground plant-microbe interactions as well as the effect of interactions on secondary metabolites production.

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