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Statement of Society of Microbiologists of Ukraine

In the current situation, when Russia treacherously attacks our peaceful country - Ukraine, when the Russian army bombs our cities and villages, killing thousands of civilians, including children, women and the elderly; attacks schools, children's hospitals, maternity wards; wipes out entire cities; captures Ukrainian Nuclear Power Plants; when we all live under the howling of sirens, because there is no safe place anywhere in Ukraine, we are very grateful to FEMS for the solidarity with the Ukrainian people, the Society of Microbiologists of Ukraine and all members of the microbiological community of Ukraine, which was expressed in the FEMS Statement on the Invasion of Ukraine of March 4, 2022 (<https://fems-microbiology.org/statement-on-the-invasion-of-ukraine/>).

Russia's aggression has seriously jeopardized microbiological research in Ukraine.

We strongly support the initiative of Polish Society of Microbiologists to suspend FEMS membership for three societies of Russia as aggressor country:

- Interregional Russian Microbiological Society,
- Interregional Association for Clinical Microbiology and Antimicrobial Chemotherapy,
- All-Russian Public Organization “National Academy of Mycology”,

and also

- Belarussian Non-governmental Association of Microbiologists of Belarus as country facilitating Russian aggression.

Hoping for the best for humanity

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