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The 12th International Congress of Plant Pathology (ICPP2023) was held from 20th to 25th of August 2023 in Lyon, France. There were around 2.400 plant pathologists and plant health researchers from around the world who joined to discuss the latest research in plant pathology as well as current and future issues in plant health.

During the conference, I presented my work entitled “Parental inheritance of the seed microbiome in European ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*)” at poster session. In this study, we use European ash as plant model to investigate the extent to which maternal trees transmit their microbiome to their offspring. The findings will improve our understanding of how intrinsic factors shape the development of the seed microbiome from mother tree to their offspring.

I am very grateful that the NordGen Forest Regeneration Council financially supported my visit to Lyon as it was the perfect opportunity to further my development as a scientist and gave me the opportunity to share the findings from my PhD with leading scientists from other plant disease research groups.

Throughout the conference there were networking sessions where I discussed the implications of my PhD research with other plant pathologists. Overall, the experience I gained from this conference was fantastic, and it was a great conference experience in the beautiful city of Lyon, and I am looking forward to the next ICPP, which will be held in Australia in 2028.

