

# DSMZ COLLOQUIUM



## **Can I still use open public genetic sequence data? What happened at COP 16 on Digital Sequence Information?**

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The DSMZ Science Policy and Internalization Department is actively engaged in the Convention on Biological Diversity as an academic stakeholder representing the scientific perspective. At last month's UN Biodiversity Conference (COP16) and, indeed, for the past several years, we have closely followed negotiations on digital sequence information (DSI) and access and benefit-sharing. Media reports have mixed views on the COP16 DSI decision, but either way, a milestone decision in Cali, Colombia was reached.

However, what does the DSI decision actually mean for “real-world” scientists, database managers, and users of sequence data? And what does science policy work entail and what are we doing on the ground in Cali and in the months ahead of the meeting? The colloquium will include a presentation from Dr. Amber H. Scholz, head of the department, and Pablo Orozco, senior science policy officer, on the science policy engagement leading up to and at COP16 and the most important aspects of the decision that are relevant for the scientific and academic community that regularly work with DSI.

**When:** Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 3 pm

**Where:** DSMZ lecture room, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, D.16

For participants who cannot attend in presence, a [Zoom link](#) is provided  
(Meeting-ID: 413 656 5836, Kenncode: 160317)

**Host:** Dr. Amber H. Scholz, DSMZ

Guests are welcome!

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