

Exploring Linkages Between Soil Health and Human Health Meeting 7 (Virtual) – July 10, 2023 Public Agenda



MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023 (ET)

Purpose The session will focus on the human microbiome.

Open session

1:30 Welcome

Diana H. Wall, Committee Chair & Session Moderator, Colorado State University

1:40 Overview of the National Academies study process

Kara Laney, Study Director, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

1:50 Invited presentation

Martin J. Blaser, Henry Rutgers Chair of the Human Microbiome, Rutgers University

2:10 Speaker discussion with the committee

2:30 Open session concludes

SPEAKER BIO

MARTIN J. BLASER, RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Dr. Blaser holds the Henry Rutgers Chair of the Human Microbiome at Rutgers University and serves as Director of the Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine. Previously, he served as Chair of the Department of Medicine at New York University. A physician and microbiologist, Dr. Blaser has been studying the relationships we have with the human microbiome, the bacteria that live in and on us. Over the last 20 years, he has also been actively studying the relationship of the human microbiome with both health and important diseases including asthma, obesity, diabetes, and cancer. Dr. Blaser has been the advisor to many students, post-doctoral fellows, and faculty. He has served as President of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Chair of the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Cancer Institute, Chair of the Advisory Board for Clinical Research of the NIH, and until recently as Chair of the Presidential Advisory Council for Combatting Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria (PACCARB) under 3 presidential administrations. He has been elected to major academic academies and received many awards for his scientific work. He has authored over 650 original scientific articles, holds 24 U.S. patents, and wrote *Missing Microbes*, a book targeted to general audiences, now translated into 20 languages. Recently he appeared in The Invisible Extinction, an independent feature film focusing on his scientific work and that of his wife, Maria Gloria Dominguez Bello.