

## Start of the Interdisciplinary Research Network 2019

The pilot interdisciplinary project “Multidisciplinary approach to unravelling secondary metabolite biosynthesis within bacterial microbiome of the bryozoan *Cristatella mucedo*” has been awarded by the faculty of Life Sciences and to Sergey Zotchev (Pharmaceutical Biotechnology).

The main objective of the project is to identify genes for secondary metabolite biosynthesis that are expressed by the bacterial symbionts of a fresh-water bryozoan *Cristatella mucedo* that dwells in Alte Donau. This project will involve cooperation with Thomas Rattei (Centre for Microbiology and Environmental Systems Science) and Joint Microbiome Facility of the University of Vienna.

