

Danone opens access to collection of 1,800 strains

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This initiative to foster cooperation in food, health and sustainability research, was welcomed by the Institut Pasteur



Celebrating 100 years since the creation of its first yogurt, Danone has announced it will open its collection of 1,800 strains for research purposes. This includes granting access to its current collection of 193 lactic and bifidobacteria ferment strains deposited at the National Collection of Cultures of Microorganisms, held in the Biological Resource Center of Institut Pasteur (CRBIP).

Danone will also open its collection of over 1,600 strains at its Research & Innovation center in ParisSaclay to researchers around the world, with the aim of sharing Danone's legacy for the benefit of all.

The announcement furthers Danone's commitment to promoting open science, a movement toward openness in scientific research, sharing and development of knowledge through collaborative networks. It also contributes to delivering on Danone's 2030 Goals, and, most importantly, the company's objective to serve the food revolution with partners.

Speaking at a two-day event celebrating Danone's 100 years with partners and thought-leaders in the food, health and sustainability space, Danone's Chairman & CEO Emmanuel Faber said: "As part of our commitment to meet people's needs, we have continuously invested over the past century to build Danone's expertise in ferments, fermentation and health through food. At a time when our food system and society face a range of unprecedented challenges, we are proud to open our unique collection of strains to the world's researchers to help us progress towards a healthier and more sustainable world."