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The Pharmaceutical Microbiology Interest Group (PharMIG) is a non-profit making professional organisation based in the UK, that represents the interests of people who are working in, or having responsibility for, pharmaceutical microbiology.

Initial research in 1991 by Poly Hajjieris (then at Cilag Ltd.) showed that there was in fact no single group that specifically dealt with the interests and needs of pharmaceutical microbiologists. The inaugural meeting of PharMIG was hosted by Cilag Ltd. on 26th July 1991 with 13 Companies present. In an open debate, the attendees unanimously agreed that the existence of an interest group in pharmaceutical microbiology would be very useful and so PharMIG was conceived! The attendees at the first meeting elected a Chairman and Secretary. The second meeting was held at Boehringer Ingelheim on the 4th December 1991 and a Vice Chairman and Treasurer were elected and the rest is history!

Other meetings were held at Member Company sites and normally included a presentation on a topic of interest with a site tour. The format of meetings has changed over time to reflect the changing needs of the Group.

PharMIG has grown rapidly and enjoys an increasingly well-respected reputation for high quality meetings and conferences and the importance of its views and expert opinion in the field of pharmaceutical microbiology are recognised.