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- Morphological plasticity enables pathogens to evade the host immune system and is advantageous for survival. (This thesis, chapter 2)
- The role of cell wall deficiency in antibiotic resistance and latent infections should not be underestimated. (Kawai *et al.* Cell 2018)
- We are only at the beginning of understanding the complexity of the cell wall, which in *Streptomyces* is a multi-layered structure composed of peptidoglycan and extracellular polymers packed together by wall teichoic acids. (This thesis, chapter 4)
- Cytoskeletal protein FilP plays an important role in the formation of walldeficient cells in *Kitasatospora viridifaciens*. (This thesis, chapter 5)
- The ability of root-associated bacteria to transition into a cell-wall deficient state upon oxygen limitation suggests a morphological switch when invading plant tissue. (This thesis, chapter 5)
- 6. In times of genome sequencing and DNA manipulation, microscopy should not be underestimated or left aside.
- 7. The future of microscopy lays in combining techniques that visualize biological samples of a broad range of scales
- 8. Teaching programming and coding would be a valuable addition to life science education.
- 9. One picture alone says more than a thousand words, but one picture says more than a million when it forms part of a time-lapse series or tomogram.