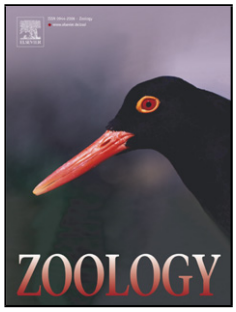

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Highlights

- From protists to humans, all animals and plants are inhabited by microbial organisms, ultimately forming a metaorganism.
- The mechanisms controlling the interactions within a metaorganism are as yet poorly understood.
- Some of the open issues in interspecies interaction are outlined and discussed.