



September 7 – 11, 2026
University of Zürich, Main Campus
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Preliminary program

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

12h00 – 16h00	Registration
16h00 – 16h30	Welcome address
16h30 – 17h30	Opening session - 50 years of <i>Legionella</i> Ralph Isberg (Tufts University, Boston, USA)
17h30 – 19h30	Rising stars and burning questions 4 talks selected from the abstracts (4 x 30 min)
20h00	Welcome reception

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8h30 – 10h15	Ecology and environment
8h30 – 9h00	Yann Héchard (University of Poitiers, France)
9h00 – 9h15	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
9h15 – 9h30	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
9h30 – 10h00	Stephen Chambers (University of Otago, New Zealand)
10h00 – 10h15	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
10h15 – 10h45	Coffee break
10h45 – 12h30	Epidemiology and diagnostics
10h45 – 11h15	Janet Stout (University of Pittsburgh, USA)
11h15 – 11h30	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
11h30 – 11h45	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
11h45 – 12h15	Sophie Jarraud (University of Lyon, France)
12h15 – 12h30	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
12h30 – 13h30	Lunch

13h30 – 15h15	Host - Microbe interactions
13h30 – 14h00	a) Secretion systems and their substrates Antje Flieger (Robert Koch Institut, Wernigerode, Germany)
14h00 – 14h15	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
14h15 – 14h30	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
14h30 – 15h00	Nicholas Cianciotto (Northwestern University, Chicago, USA)
15h00 – 15h15	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
15h15 – 15h45	Coffee break
15h45 – 17h00	Host - Microbe interactions
15h45 – 16h15	b) Immunology and virulence Dario Zamboni (University of Sao Paulo, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil)
16h15 – 16h30	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
16h30 – 17h00	Sunny Shin (University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA)
17h00 – 19h00	Poster session I, beverages and snacks
20h00	Speakers' dinner

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8h30 – 10h15	Host - Microbe interactions
8h30 – 9h00	c) Remodelling of the pathogen vacuole Sagar Bhogaraju (EMBL Grenoble, France)
9h00 – 9h15	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
9h15 – 9h30	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
9h30 – 10h00	Gunnar Schroeder (University of Belfast, UK)
10h00 – 10h15	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
10h15 – 10h45	Coffee break
10h45 – 12h30	Microbe - Environment interactions
10h45 – 11h15	a) Genetics, conjugation, phages Alexander Ensminger (University of Toronto, Canada)
11h15 – 11h30	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
11h30 – 11h45	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)

11h45 – 12h15	Manuela Hospenthal (ETH Zürich, Switzerland)
12h15 – 12h30	6 flash talks selected from the abstracts (15 min)
12h30 – 13h30	Lunch
13h30 – 15h30	Poster session II
15h30 – 17h15	Microbe - Environment interactions
	b) Natural and artificial reservoirs - protozoa, persistence
15h30 – 16h00	Tamara O'Connor (John Hopkins Medicine, Baltimore, USA)
16h00 – 16h15	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
16h15 – 16h30	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
16h30 – 17h00	Shira Ninio (Kinneret Limnological Laboratory, Migdal, Israel)
17h00 – 17h15	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
17h15 – 17h45	Coffee break
17h45 – 19h00	Prevention, diagnostics and control
17h30 – 18h00	Maria Luisa Ricci (Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy)
18h00 – 18h15	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
18h15 – 18h45	Kazuhiro Tateda (Toho University, Tokyo, Japan)
20h00	Networking dinner

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8h30 – 10h15	Population genetics, complex models, and outbreaks
8h30 – 9h00	Lionel Guy (University of Uppsala, Sweden)
9h00 – 9h15	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
9h15 – 9h30	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
9h30 – 10h00	Michael Steinert (University of Braunschweig, Germany)
10h00 – 10h15	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
10h15 – 10h45	Coffee break

10h45 – 12h30	Type IV secretion system and effectors
10h45 – 11h15	Melanie Ohi (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA)
11h15 – 11h30	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
11h30 – 11h45	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
11h45 – 12h15	Matthias Machner (NIH, Bethesda, USA)
12h15 – 12h30	6 flash talks selected from the abstracts (15 min)
12h30 – 13h30	Lunch
13h30 – 15h15	Type IV effectors and host response
13h30 – 14h00	Shaeri Mukherjee (University of California, San Francisco, USA)
14h00 – 14h15	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
14h15 – 14h30	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
14h30 – 15h00	Elizabeth Hartland (Hudson Institute, Melbourne, Australia)
15h00 – 15h15	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
15h15 – 15h45	Coffee break
15h45 – 17h00	Type IV effectors and posttranslational modifications
15h45 – 16h15	Aymelt Itzen (University of Hamburg, Germany)
16h15 – 16h30	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
16h30 – 17h00	Tomoko Kubori (Gifu University, Gidai, Japan)
17h00 – 19h00	Poster session III, beverages and snacks
20h00	Conference dinner

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9h00 – 10h15	Genomics, evolution, and surveillance
9h00 – 9h30	Laura Gomez-Valero (Institut Pasteur, Paris, France)
9h30 – 9h45	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
9h45 – 10h15	Valeria Gaia (Swiss National Reference Center, Bellinzona, Switzerland)
10h15 – 10h30	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
10h30 – 11h00	Coffee break

11h00 – 12h45	Host - Microbe interactions
11h00 – 11h30	d) Cell biology Hayley Newton (University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia)
11h30 – 11h45	talk selected from the abstracts (15 min)
11h45 – 12h15	Zhao-Qing Luo (Purdue University, West Lafayette, USA)
12h15 – 12h45	Craig Roy (Yale University, New Haven, USA)
12h45 – 13h15	Short talks and poster awards, closing remarks