BSP Trypanosomiasis & Leishmaniasis seminar 2027 at ITM

"From the field to the lab for the field"

Provisional program

The seminar is organized over 4 days (14-17/09/2027) at the Antwerp Institute of Tropical Medicine. The program (see below) includes two keynotes and eight sessions covering different aspects of the parasites' biology. Invited guest speakers of all sessions confirmed their participation (titles of talks will follow). We expect 3 free talks at each session and the best posters will be advertised by turbo-talks. A particular attention will be given in each session to mix Trypanosomes and Leishmania, for promoting cross-fertilization.

14 September 2027, 2 keynotes

Opening

Mitali Chatterjee, Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education & Research in Kolkata. *VL elimination in the Indian sub-continent*

Mike Barrett, U of Glasgow. *drugs, HAT and AAT*

15 September, three oral sessions (each one with one invited speaker, three talks and five 3'-turbotalks to advertise posters of session A)

Session 1, Tissue dwelling (skin, lungs…). Guest speaker: *Francisco Olmo* U.Granada Spain.

Session 2, Drug-discovery/Drug resistance/Drug tolerance. Guest speaker: *John Kelly,* LSHTM, UK.

Session 3, Host-parasite I: interaction of parasites with mammalian host cells. Guest speaker: *Maria Adelaide Gomez*, CIDEIM, Cali, Columbia

Turbo-talks and poster A

16 September, three oral sessions (each one with one invited speaker, three talks and five 3'-turbotalks to advertise posters of session B)

Session 4, Host-parasite II: interaction of parasites with insect vector. Guest speaker: *Shaden Kamhawi*, NIH, USA.

Session 5,Vaccine. Guest speaker : *Gavin Wright*, U. of York, UK.

Turbo-talks and poster B

Session 6, Disease control and elimination. *Harriet Auty* , U. of Glasgow, UK

Conference dinner

17 September, two oral sessions (each one with one invited speaker, three talks)

Session 7, parasite heterogeneity. Guest speaker: *Emma Briggs*, U. Newcastle, UK.

Session 8, Genome structure, function and dynamics. Guest speaker: *Joana R Correia Faria*, U. York, UK.

Closure