

Hybrid Conference Programme

Start (GMT)	Finish (GMT)	Presenter details
Monday 23 March 2026		
12:00	13:00	Registration, lunch and networking
12:45		Briefing for Keynote 1 speaker, Session 1 speakers, microphone runners, chair, moderator & committee - Auditorium
13:00	13:10	Welcome and introductions
		Wellcome Connecting Science: Nagehan Ramazanoglu Bahadir, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK Scientific programme committee: Kate Baker, University of Cambridge, UK Sylvain Brisse, Institut Pasteur, France Sabiha Essack, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa Yonatan Grad, Harvard University, USA
13:10	14:00	Keynote 1
		Chair: Kate Baker, University of Cambridge, UK Moderator: TBC
13:10	13:40	Overcoming barriers to genomic surveillance of antimicrobial resistance in Nigeria Iruka Okeke, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
14:00	14:05	Comfort break
14:05	15:30	Session 1: Epidemiology and Surveillance innovations
		How can we improve the detection and interpretation of AMR? Chair: Sabiha Essack, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa Moderator: TBC
14:05	14:30	AMR Rules: Interpretive Standards for AMR Genotypes Kat Holt, LSHTM, UK
14:30	15:00	ACORN2: patient-focused AMR surveillance in Africa and Asia Paul Turner, Cambodia-Oxford Medical Research Unit (COMRU), Cambodia
15:00	15:15	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
15:15	15:30	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
15:30	16:15	Refreshment break and networking
16:00		Briefing for session 2 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium
16:15	17:45	Session 2: Big Data and Antimicrobial use
		How can big data and advanced analytics deepen our understanding of antimicrobial use and resistance? Chair: Sylvain Brisse, Institut Pasteur, France Moderator: TBC
16:15	16:45	Title TBC Zamin Iqbal, Bath University, UK
16:45	17:15	The evolutionary dynamics of antibiotic resistance Sonja Lehtinen, ETH Zurich, Switzerland
17:15	17:30	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
17:30	17:45	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
17:45	18:30	Poster pitch talks for odd number posters
		Chair: Sylvain Brisse, Institut Pasteur, France
18:30	19:15	Poster session 1 - odd number posters
19:15		Dinner
19:15		Bar open (card payments only)

Tuesday 24 March 2026		
09:15	Briefing for Session 3 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium	
09:30	11:00	Session 3: Antimicrobial resistance beyond bacteria
	<i>What can we learn about antimicrobial resistance from non-bacterial pathogens?</i> Chair: Sabiha Essack, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa Moderator: TBC	
09:30	10:00	The Forgotten Kingdom: Fungi and Antifungal Resistance in the Big Data Revolution Amelia Barber, Friedrich Schiller University Jena, Germany
10:00	10:30	HIV Drug Resistance Evolution, Botswana Experience Simani Gaseitsiwe, Botswana Harvard AIDS Institute, Botswana
10:30	10:45	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
10:45	11:00	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
11:00	11:45	Refreshment break and networking
11:30	Briefing for session 4 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium	
11:45	13:15	Session 4: Innovations in diagnostics and infection prevention
	<i>What diagnostic and prevention technologies can enhance early detection and control of antimicrobial resistance?</i> Chair: Sylvain Brisse, Institut Pasteur, France Moderator: TBC	
11:45	12:15	Genomic AST for NGS Diagnostics Miriam Huntley, Day Zero Diagnostics, USA
12:15	12:45	Title TBC Keertan Dheda, University of Cape Town, South Africa
12:45	13:00	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
13:00	13:15	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
13:15	14:30	Lunch and networking
14:15	Briefing for Session 5 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium	
14:30	16:00	Session 5: Novel therapeutics and anti-AMR strategies
	<i>What new therapeutic approaches and strategies are on the horizon for AMR?</i> Chair: Yonatan Grad, Harvard University, USA Moderator: TBC	
14:30	15:00	Developing phage therapy by steering evolved traits in AMR bacteria. Paul Turner, Yale University, USA
15:00	15:30	Vaccines for E. coli and Klebsiella - the challenges and opportunities Susie Dunachie, University of Oxford, UK
15:30	15:45	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
15:45	16:00	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
16:00	16:45	Refreshment break and networking
16:45	17:30	Poster pitch talks for even number posters
	Chair: Yonatan Grad, Harvard University, USA	
17:30	18:15	Poster session 2 - even number posters
18:15	Dinner	
18:15	Bar open (card payments only)	

Wednesday 25 March 2026		
09:15	Briefing for Session 6 speakers, chair & moderator - Auditorium	
09:30	11:00	Session 6: Surviving antimicrobials: persistence, tolerance, resilience
		<i>What strategies do microbes employ to survive antimicrobials?</i>
		Chair: Kate Baker, University of Cambridge, UK
		Moderator: TBC
09:30	10:00	Title TBC Sarah Fortune, Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, USA
10:00	10:30	Title TBC Nathalie Balaban, Hebrew University, Israel
10:30	10:45	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
10:45	11:00	Short talk selected from abstracts <i>Short talk speaker</i>
11:00	11:45	Refreshment break and networking
11:30	Briefing for Keynote 2 speaker, chair, moderator & committee - Auditorium	
11:45	12:35	Keynote 2
		Chair: Yonatan Grad, Harvard University, USA
		Moderator: TBC
		From genomes to antibiotics: Leveraging resistance for antibiotic discovery Gerry Wright, McMaster University, Canada
12:35	12:45	Closing Remarks
		Scientific Programme Committee: Kate Baker, University of Cambridge, UK Sylvain Brisse, Institut Pasteur, France Sabiha Essack, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa Yonatan Grad, Harvard University, USA
12:45	13:45	Lunch and departures
13:45	Coach departures for Stansted and Heathrow airports	
14:00	Coach departures for Cambridge train station and city centre	