



**CROSSROADS IN CLINICAL
MICROBIOLOGY &
INFECTIOUS DISEASES:**
CONNECTING NATIONS & GENERATIONS

12 & 13 November 2026



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Thursday 12th of November

9:00 - 10:45

Registration, coffee & poster set-up

10:45 - 11:00

Welcome from the Organizing Committee

11:00 - 12:30

Clinical dosing & relevant factors

Dosing in NL vs BE, dosing in specific clinical situations e.g. obesity

Maya Hites (ULB) & Martine Caris (Amsterdam UMC)

MIPD/TDM

Pieter De Cock (UZ Gent) & Brenda de Winter (ErasmusMC)

Clinical cases

Diana Huis in 't Veld (UZ Gent) & Franky Buyle (UZ Gent)

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch & visit of the exhibition and poster hall

13.00 - 13.30

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14.00 - 15.30

Biofilm related infections

Foreign body infection

Marjan Wouthuyzen-Bakker (UMCG)

Bacteriophage therapy and clinical implementation

Willem Jan Metsemakers (UZ Leuven)

Diagnostics for PJI/FRI

Melissa Depypere (UZ Leuven)

15:30 - 16:00

Break

16:00 - 17:00

Quiz by NVAMM/TABS

17:00 - 17:30

Innovation Prize NVMM



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Friday 13th of November

08.30 - 09:00

Welcome back

09.00 - 10.30

Vaccination, Infection Prevention, and Pandemic Preparedness

Belgian-Dutch Vaccination Policy Differences

Patricia Bruijning-Verhagen (UMC Utrecht)

Alternative vaccine delivery methods

Els Bijker (Maastricht UMC)

Bioterrorism

Speaker to be announced

Panel discussion

Erika Vlieghe (UZA) & Ronald de Groot (Radboudumc)

10.30 - 11.00

Break

11.00 - 12.00

Local Outbreaks and Emerging infections

Neurocysticercosis school outbreak

Koen Vanden Driessche (UZA)

Emerging infections

Pieter Fraaij (Erasmus MC)

12.00 - 13.00

Lunch & Visit exhibition and posters

13.00 - 14.30

Parallel session

A) Mycobacteria – what's new in treatment

Updates NTM-treatment

1. NTM pulmonary disease:
personalized therapy, susceptibility testing and unmet needs

Jakko Van Ingen (UMCN)

1. Immunotherapy

Reinout van Crevel (Radboudumc)

B) Diagnostics and clinical microbiology

1. The microbiology laboratory of the next decade
speaker to be announced
2. Antimicrobial resistance: basic and application
speaker to be announced



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14.30 - 15,00

Break

15.00 - 16.00

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in antimicrobial stewardship (AMS)

AI research in AMS

Martijn Siepel (Amsterdam UMC)

Experiences in AI regarding AMS (success and failure)

Isabel Spriet (UZ Leuven)

16.00 - 17.00

**Myths and Medicine: Evolving from Eminence- to Evidence-
Based Medicine (online live presentation)**

Brad Spellberg (Los Angeles General Medical Center, Los Angeles, USA)

17.00 - 17.15

Announcement winner poster presentation & Closing