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12 & 13 November 2026

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Thursday 12 November

Plenary meeting · Room Eindhoven 1 & 2

09:00 – 10:45	**Registration, coffee & poster set-up**	Room 040 North (exhibition)
10:45 – 11:00	**Welcome from the chairs** *Jaap ten Oever (NVII)* *Olivier Denis (BVIKM/SBIMC)*	
11:00 – 12:30	**Clinical dosing & relevant factors** CHAIR Diana Huis in 't Veld (UZ Gent) & Franky Buyle (UZ Gent) 11:00 **Beyond standard dosing: regional differences, infusion strategies and special populations** *Maya Hites (ULB) & Martine Caris (LUMC)* 11:30 **Beyond the concentration: from therapeutic drug monitoring to precision antimicrobial dosing** *Pieter De Cock (UZ Gent) & Brenda de Winter (Erasmus MC)* 12:00 **Clinical cases** *Clinical cases discussed by the presenters of the session*	
12:30 – 14:00	**Lunch & visit of the exhibition and poster hall**	Room 040 North (exhibition)

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14:00 – 15:30	**Biofilm related infections** CHAIR Elizabeth Morreel (MUMC) 14:00 **The development of the unified PJI definition and the clinical application** *Marjan Wouthuyzen-Bakker (UMCG)* 14:30 **Bacteriophage therapy and clinical implementation** *Willem Jan Metsemakers (UZ Leuven)* 15:00 **Diagnostics for PJI/FRI** *Melissa Depypere (UZ Leuven)*
15:30 – 16:00	**Break** — Room 040 North (exhibition)
16:00 – 16:30	**Announcement of abstract winners & Best Abstract Award Presentation** 16:00 **Penicillin resistance in MSSA bacteraemia in Belgium, 2025: a national multicentre prospective surveillance study and evaluation of phenotypic test performance** *Meryem Chafay (LHUB-ULB)*
16:30 – 17:30	**Quiz by NVAMM/TABS**
17:30 – 18:00	**Innovation Prize NVMM** *Wim Ang (NVMM)*
18:00	**Closing of the day**
18:30	**Congress dinner** — Restaurant Van der Valk *Ticketed event, pre-registration necessary*
± 20:30	**Pub quiz** — Ozzo Bar

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09:00 – 10:30 — **Vaccination, Infection Prevention, and Pandemic Preparedness**

CHAIR Koen Vanden Driessche (UZA)

- **09:00** **Belgian-Dutch vaccination policy differences**
  Patricia Bruijning-Verhagen (UMC Utrecht)
- **09:23** **Alternative vaccine delivery methods**
  Else Bijker (Maastricht UMC)
- **09:45** **Bioterrorism**
  Gilles Fastré (Bio CBRN Defence Lab)
- **10:08** **Panel discussion**
  Erika Vlieghe (UZA) & Ronald de Groot (Radboudumc)

10:30 – 11:00 — **Break** — Room 040 North (exhibition)

11:00 – 12:00 — **Local Outbreaks and Emerging Infections**

CHAIR Laura Vos (UMC Utrecht)

- **11:00** **Neurocysticercosis school outbreak**
  Koen Vanden Driessche (UZA)
- **11:30** **Emerging infections**
  Pieter Fraaij (Erasmus MC)

12:00 – 13:00 — **Lunch & visit of the exhibition and posters** — Room 040 North (exhibition)

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13:00 – 14:30 **Parallel sessions**

A) Mycobacteria – what's new in treatment

Room Eindhoven 3

CHAIR Diana Huis in 't Veld (UZ Gent)

13:00 **NTM pulmonary disease: personalized therapy, susceptibility testing and unmet needs**
Jakko van Ingen (Radboudumc)

13:45 **Host-directed therapy for mycobacterial disease: a clinical perspective**
Reinout van Crevel (Radboudumc)

B) The microbiology laboratory of the next decade

Room Eindhoven 1 & 2

CHAIR Wim Ang (NVMM)

The Past and the Future of Clinical Microbiology

13:00 *Florine Frakking (UMC Utrecht)*

13:15 *Koen Magerman (UHasselt)*

13:30 *Nashwan Al Naiemi (LabMicta)*

13:45 **Discussion**

14:00 **Latest Update on AMR Mechanisms, Detection Methods and AST of New Antibiotics**
Te-Din Daniel Huang (CHU UCL Namur)

14:30 – 15:00 **Break** Room 040 North (exhibition)

15:00 – 16:00 **Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS)**

CHAIR Liesbet Henckaerts (UZ Leuven)

15:00 **AI research in AMS**
Martijn Siepel (Amsterdam UMC)

15:30 **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**

CHAIR Michael Rodgers (Catharina Ziekenhuis)

16:00 **Online live presentation**
Brad Spellberg (Los Angeles General Medical Center, Los Angeles, USA)

17:00 – 17:15 **Closing remarks**

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