CROSSROADS IN CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY & INFECTIOUS DISEASES:
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12 & 13 November 2026

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Thursday 12 November

Plenary meeting · Room Eindhoven 1 & 2

09:00 – 10:00	Registration, coffee & poster set-up	Room 040 North (exhibition)
10:00 – 10:15	**Welcome from the Organizing Committee**	
10:15 – 11:00	**Poster presentations**	
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** *Diana Huis in 't Veld (UZ Gent) & Franky Buyle (UZ Gent)*	
12:30 – 12:40	**Announcement of winners of abstracts**	
12:40 – 14:00	**Lunch & visit of the exhibition and poster hall** Room 040 North (exhibition) 13:00 – 13:30 General Assembly NVII (access for invited members only)	

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14:00 – 15:30	**Biofilm related infections** CHAIR tba 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 – 17:00	**Quiz by NVAMM/TABS**	
17:00 – 17:30	**Innovation Prize NVMM**	
17:30	**Closing of the day**	
18:30	Congress dinner *Ticketed event, pre-registration necessary*	Restaurant Van der Valk
± 20:30	Pub quiz	Ozzo Bar

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08:30 – 09:00 — **Best Abstract Award Presentation**

- 08:30 **Penicillin resistance in MSSA bacteraemia in Belgium, 2025: a national multicentre prospective surveillance study and evaluation of phenotypic test performance**
  Meryem Chafay (LHUB-ULB)

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

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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 3

CHAIR Stefan Vestjens (Diakonessenhuis)

13:00 *Florine Frakking (UMC Utrecht)*

13:20 *Koen Magerman (UHasselt)*

13:40 *Nashwan Al Naiemi (Labmicta)*

14:00 **Discussion**

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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