

Postgraduate course Programme

**Experimental Models of Brain Infections:  
New Developments from Basic to Translational  
Research**

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19 –21 March 2025



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## Day 1 Wednesday, 19 March 2025

Chair: Laurent Boyer (FR)/ Stephen Leib (CH)

13:00	<b>Registration</b>																				
13:30 – 13:45	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Michel Carlès (FR, SPILF) / Stephen Leib (CH, ESGIB)																				
13:45 – 14:30	<b>A pneumococcal meningitis model to assess the efficacy of novel bacteriostatic peptide (rat meningitis model)</b> Lucy Hathaway (CH)																				
14:30 – 15:15	<b>Ten years with experimental meningococcal meningitis</b> Susanna Ricci (IT)																				
15:15 – 16:00	<b>Insights and methods for studying host-pathogen interactions in the zebrafish model</b> Kinki Jim (CH)																				
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Coffee break</b>																				
16:30 – 18:30	<b>Methodological-based workshop 1 (40 minutes each) (small groups, n=10-12)</b>																				
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18:30	<b>Evaluation and closure day 1</b> Laurent Boyer (FR)/ Stephen Leib (CH)																				
	<b>End of day 1</b>																				

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## Day 2 Thursday, 20 March 2025

Chair: Pierre Tattevin (FR)/ Raymond Ruimy (FR)

08:55 – 09:00	<b>Opening Day 2</b> Pierre Tattevin (FR)/ Raymond Ruimy (FR)																				
09:00 – 09:45	<b>Comparability of bacterial meningitis in humans and animals: symptoms, complications and outcome</b> Matthijs Brouwer (NL)																				
09:45 – 10:30	<b>Experimental models of neurolisterosis in rodents – what makes it different from meningitis caused by other pathogens?</b> Denis Grandgirard (CH)																				
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>																				
11:00 – 11:45	<b>Tick-Borne Encephalitis: Experimental Models for Pathogenesis Study and Search for Novel Antiviral Strategies</b> Daniel Ruzek (CZ)																				
11:45 – 12:30	<b>Assessing neurofunctional outcome in brain infection models: From bacterial meningitis to tick-borne encephalitis</b> Stephen Leib (CH)																				
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>																				
13:30 – 14:15	<b>Investigating pneumococcal interaction with brain cells and neuroinflammation using a bacteremia-derived meningitis mouse model</b> Federico Iovino (SE)																				
14:15 – 15:00	<b>Inputs of experimental models to optimize treatment of severe infections</b> Pierre Tattevin (FR)																				
<b>15:00 – 15:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>																				
15:30 – 17:30	<b>Methodological-based workshop 2 (40 minutes each) (small groups, n=10-12)</b>																				
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17:30 – 17:45	<b>Evaluation and closure day 2</b> Stephen Leib (CH)/ Raymond Ruimy (FR)																				
<b>20:00</b>	<b>Social event &amp; dinner</b>																				

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### Day 3      Friday, 21 March 2025

*Chair: Marco Oggioni (UK/IT)/ Matthijs Brouwer (NL)*

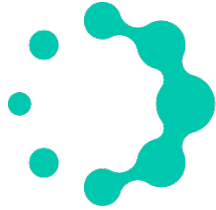
08:55 – 09:00	<b>Opening Day 3</b> Marco Oggioni (UK/ IT)/ Matthijs Brouwer (NL)
09:00 – 09:45	<b>Humanized Mice for Infectious and Neurodegenerative disorders</b> Els Verhoeyen (FR)
09:45 – 10:30	<b>Concept of LD50/ID50: Testing the hypothesis that is it generally single cells that start an infection</b> Marco Oggioni (UK)
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
10:45 – 11:30	<b>Role of perivascular meningeal macrophages in the pathogenesis of meningitis</b> Claudia Trappetti (IT)
11:30 – 12:15	<b>Brain borders take centre stage: role of meningeal macrophages in neuroinflammation and cognition</b> Rejane Rua (FR)
12:15 – 13:00	<b>Evaluation course and closure</b> Laurent Boyer (FR)/ Stephen Leib (CH)
12:30 – 13:00	<b>End of course &amp; Farewell</b>

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