

Postgraduate course programme

Anaerobic bacteria: search and you shall find

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22 – 23 October 2026



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Netherlands	Linda Veloo
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Denmark	Ulrik Justesen
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Hungary	Jozsef Soki
Germany	Catalina Stingu
USA	Alex Rodriguez-Palacias
Netherlands	Roberta Maria Antonello

Day 1 Thursday, 22 October 2026

Basics

Chair: Linda Veloo

09:30 – 09:40	Opening words Linda Veloo
09:40 – 10:15	How to collect your samples and start your anaerobic culture <i>(including a poll about the plates used by the participants and methods to create an anaerobic environment)</i> Sarah Copsey-Mawer
10:15 – 10:45	Clinical relevance and pathogenicity Kathleen Boiten
10:45 – 11:20	Break

Identification and susceptibility testing

Chair: Roberta Maria Antonello

11:20 – 11:40	Identification methods Linda Veloo
11:40 – 12:10	AST methods Trefor Morris
12:10 – 12:40	Anaerobic bacteraemia Olivier Join-Lambert
12:40 – 13:30	Lunch break

Antibiotic resistance

Chair: Mervenur Demir

13:30 – 14:15	Keynote: ReSuBacFrag study Michael Buhl
14:15 – 14:45	AMR rates in anaerobes Anita Novak
14:45 – 15:00	Break
15:00 – 16:30	Outbreak: which bacterium is whom? <i>(in small groups, trying to identify unknown anaerobes based on photos that will be shown by the moderator)</i> Linda Veloo, Kathleen Boiten, Trefor Morris, Sarah Copsey, Michael Buhl & Anita Novak
16:30 – 16:40	Closure of day 1 A. Veloo

Day 2 Friday, 23 October 2026

In depth

Chair: Trefor Morris

09:30 – 09:40	Welcome day 2 Linda Veloo
09:40 – 10:00	MALDI-TOF MS Kathleen Boiten
10:00 – 10:30	Metagenomics on clinical specimens; are anaerobes encountered? John Rossen
10:30 – 11:00	ARGs and MGEs Linda Veloo
11:00 – 11:20	Break

Pathogenicity – Part I

Chair: Kathleen Boiten

11:20 – 11:50	Metronidazole resistance Ulrik Justesen
11:50 – 12:30	Keynote: My experience with anaerobes TBA
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break

Pathogenicity – Part II

Chair: Mervernur Demir

13:30 – 14:00	Clostridium difficile dangers and experience Jane Freeman
14:00 – 14:30	Bacteroides fragilis Jozsef Soki
14:30 – 15:00	Taxonomy for clinicians - recent changes in names of anaerobic species with pathogenic or probiotic properties Catalina Stingu
15:00 – 15:20	Break
15:20 – 15:50	Alistipes spp. and their emerging implications Alex Rodriguez-Palacias
15:50 – 16:30	Clinical cases finals quiz Kathleen Boiten & Roberta Maria Antonello
16:30 – 16:40	Closure of the course Linda Veloo

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