5th BSVoM SYMPOSIUM
September 11, 2026

Aula Magna-UCLouvain
Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

PROGRAM

8h00: Registration & poster set-up

9h00: Welcome by **Prof. Annika Gillis** (President of BSVoM, UCLouvain)

9h05-10h30: Fundamental research in phage ecology and biology

Chair: TBD

9h05: Keynote lecture: Prof. Anna Dragos (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia) - The evolution of host manipulation by bacteriophage

9h45: Selected abstract: 10 min talk/5 min QA

10h00: Selected abstract: 10 min talk/5 min QA

10h15: Selected abstract: 10 min talk/5 min QA

10h30-11h00: Coffee Break

11h00-12h25: Applied research with phages and their proteins

Chair: TBD

11h00: Keynote lecture: Prof. Alexander Harms (ETH Zürich, Switzerland) - From Viral Dark Matter to Phage Applications

11h40: Selected abstract: 10 min talk/5 min QA

11h55: Selected abstract: 10 min talk/5 min QA

12h10-12h40: Student pitches - 3 min each (8-9 students)

12h40-12h50: Group picture

12h50-14h20: Lunch & poster session

14h20-15h45: The Belgian phage valley

Chair: TBD

14h20: Keynote lecture: Dr. Annika Classen (Cologne University Hospital, Germany) - Personalized Bacteriophage Therapy in Germany and Beyond – A Consensus-Based Guideline

15h00: Selected abstract: 10 min talk/5 min QA

15h15: Selected abstract: 10 min talk/5 min QA

15h30: Selected abstract: 10 min talk/5 min QA

15h45-16h25: Coffee Break

16h25-17h25: Phage therapy – Round table discussion

Chair: Dr. Pieter-Jan Ceyssens (Sciensano)

17h25: Prize winners' announcements & closing remarks by **Prof. Yves Briers** (UGent) and **Prof. Annika Gillis** (UCLouvain)

18h-19h: Reception

This is a tentative agenda and may be subject to change.