

1st Swiss Enterovirus Symposium – Programme

Day 1 – Monday, 05 October 2026

15:30–18:00	Registration
18:00–18:15	Opening and Welcome
18:15–19:00	Keynote I – Heli Harvala , University of Turku and Turku University Hospital, Finland; co-founder of ENPEN
19:00–20:30	Dinner

Day 2 – Tuesday, 06 October 2026

09:00–09:10	Introduction
09:10–09:45	Keynote II – Javier Martin , National Institute for Biological Standards and Control (NIBSC), UK
09:45–10:45	Lecture Session I – Epidemiology & Surveillance I 1. Aurora Hirvonen: Global epidemiology and genetic evolution of enterovirus D68 over a decade (2015-2024): a systematic review 2. Merav Weil: Tracking Enteroviruses Outbreaks Through Environmental Surveillance and Molecular Epidemiology: Polio as Model 3. Itay Bar-Or: Under the Radar: Wastewater Surveillance Reveals Continuous EV-D68 Circulation in Israel, 2024–2025
10:45–11:15	Coffee Break
11:15–11:50	Keynote III – Katharina Röltgen , Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), Switzerland
11:50–12:50	Lecture Session II – Epidemiology & Surveillance II 1. Christopher Bell: From local outbreak to international insight: detecting and managing emerging enterovirus threats through England's integrated surveillance system 2. Laura Pellegrinelli: Culture-based wastewater surveillance reveals successive epidemic waves of infectious enterovirus genotypes in Milan, Italy, 2023–2026 3. Bélélé Siméon Bakyono: Genetic origins and circulation of emerging EV-A71 recombinant lineages in Europe, 2014–2024
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–16:00	Social Activity
16:15–16:50	Keynote IV – Kevin Messacar , University of Colorado School of Medicine, USA
16:50–17:30	Poster Flash Talks
17:30–19:00	Coffee & Poster Session
19:15–20:45	Dinner

Day 3 – Wednesday, 07 October 2026

09:00–09:10	Introduction
09:10–09:45	Keynote V – Florian Zwagemaker , National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), Netherlands
09:45–10:45	Lecture Session III – Bioinformatics & Tools 1. Alejandra González Sánchez: EVOLVE: Enterovirus OnLine tools for Viral Epidemiology 2. Lauren McCormick: Enterovirus Recombination: A Comparative Analysis 3. Neta Zuckerman: Beyond consensus genomes: Insights from poliovirus wastewater surveillance into strain-level resolution of mixed populations
10:50–11:15	Coffee Break
11:15–12:15	Lecture Session IV – Viral Fitness & Dynamics 1. Denny Trimcev: Deep Sequencing Maps Quasispecies Dynamics and the Fitness Landscape of Poliovirus 2. Stefano Giunta: Targeting rhinovirus IRES as new approach for antivirals 3. David Jorgensen: Reconstructing enterovirus D68 clade-specific transmission dynamics using Bayesian phylodynamics and association with acute flaccid myelitis cases
12:30–13:30	Lunch
13:30–16:00	Social Activity
16:00–17:00	Coffee & Poster Session
17:15–18:45	Breakout Discussions
18:45–19:15	Meeting Summary & Closing Remarks
19:15–20:45	Closing Dinner

Day 4 – Thursday, 08 October 2026

09:00–09:15	Introduction
09:15–10:45	Workshop (Part 1)
10:45–11:15	Coffee Break
11:15–13:00	Workshop (Part 2)
13:00–14:00	Lunch – close of symposium