

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME OUTLINE

### TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2026

14:00 - 17:00	Arrival, Check-In, Registration - Arabella Hotel, Golf & Spa
18:00-18:30	Opening Welcome by Prof. Kelly Chibale (Director, H3D)
18:35-21:00	Welcome Celebration Symposium Dinner in Kogleberg Venue at the Arabella Hotel

### WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2026

08:00-08:45	Workshop Slot
08:45-09:00	Mini-break
09:00-10:40	<b>Session 1: Strategic Perspectives on Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b>
09:05-09:35	Dr Cristina Donini (Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV), Switzerland)
09:35-10:15	Speaker TBC
10:15-10:45	LifeArc Speaker
10:45-11:15	Refreshment Break
11:15-12:45	<b>Session 1 Continued: Strategic Perspectives on Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b>
11:15-11:45	Dr Alan Hennessy (GARDP, Switzerland)
11:45-12:15	Dr Laurent Fraisse (DNDi, Switzerland)
12:15-12:45	Dr Susan Winks (H3D, South Africa)
12:45-13:15	Short talks (10 min + 5 min questions)
13:15-14:15	Lunch
14:20-14:50	<b>Session 2: Chemical Biology Approached for Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b>
14:20-14:50	Prof Emily Derbyshire (Duke University, USA)
14:50-15:20	Prof Darren Creek (Monash University, Australia)
15:20-15:50	Prof Jacquin Niles (MIT, USA)
15:50-16:20	Poster session with refreshment break
16:20-17:20	<b>Session 2 continued: Chemical Biology Approached for Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b>
16:20-16:50	Prof Nathaniel Martin (Leiden University, the Netherlands)
16:50-17:20	Susan Wyllie (University of Dundee, UK)
17:30-21:00	<b>Speakers dinner (by invitation) and evening at leisure for other delegates</b>

### THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2026

08:00-08:45	Industry Partner Workshop
08:45-09:00	Mini-break
09:00-10:35	<b>Session 3: Medicinal and Synthetic Chemistry Approaches to Accelerate Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b>
09:05-09:35	Prof Jeff Aubé (University of North Carolina, USA)
09:35-10:05	Prof stuart Conway (UCLA, USA)
10:05-10:35	Prof Maria Laura Bolognese (UNIBO, Italy)
10:35-11:10	Poster session with refreshment break
11:10-12:25	<b>Short Talks (± 15 min + 5 min questions)</b>

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12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30-14:30	<b>Session 3 continued: Medicinal and Synthetic Chemistry Approaches to Accelerate Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b>
13:30-14:00	Prof Diego Muñoz-Torrero (University of Barcelona)
14:00-14:00	Dr Arnab Chatterjee (Scripps research, USA)
15:35-15:50	<b>Mini-Break</b>
14:30-15:30	<b>Session 4: Infectious Disease Biology to guide Drug Discovery</b>
14:35-15:05	Prof Adrienne Edkins (Rhodes University, South Africa)
14:35-15:05	Dr Richard Wall (LSHTM, UK)
15:35-15:50	<b>Mini-Break</b>
15:50-17:50	<b>Session 4 continued: Infectious Disease Biology to guide Drug Discovery</b>
15:50-16:20	Prof Adrie Steyn (AHRI, South Africa)
16:20-16:50	Prof Leann Tilley (Melbourne University, Australia)
16:50-17:20	Prof Gilles P. van Wenzel (Leiden University, The Netherlands)
17:20-17:50	Prof Tanya Parish (University of Washington, USA)
17:50-18:30	<b>Poster session</b>
18:30-21:00	<b>Networking Function (Arabella Hotel) and poster session continued</b>

FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2026

08:00-10:00	<b>Session 5: Platforms, Tools, and technologies to Accelerate Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b>
08:35-09:05	Prof Jansey Sarathy (Hackensaw Meridian Health, USA)
09:05-09:35	Prof Lyn-Marie Birkholtz (Stellenbosch University, South Africa)
09:35-10:05	Dr Erika Flannery (Novartis, USA)
10:05-10:20	<b>Refreshment break</b>
10:20-11:40	<b>Session 5 Continued: Platforms, Tools, and technologies to Accelerate Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b>
10:20-11:10	Dr Gemma Turon (Ersilia open-Source Initiative, Spain)
11:10-11:40	Dr Gang Liu (Gates Foundation)
11:45-12:15	Poster prizes and closing remarks by prof Kelly Chibale (Director, H3D)
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch &amp; staggered departures</b>