

## Scientific Programme Outline

<b>TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2026</b>	
<b>14:00 - 17:00</b>	Arrival, Check-in, Registration – Arabella Hotel, Golf & Spa
<b>18:00 – 18:30</b>	Opening Welcome by Prof. Kelly Chibale (Director, H3D)
<b>18:35 - 21:00</b>	Welcome Celebration Symposium Dinner in Kogelberg venue at the Arabella Hotel
<b>WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2026</b>	
<b>8:00 – 8:45</b>	<b>Workshop slot</b>
<b>8:45 – 9:00</b>	<b>Mini-Break</b>
<b>9:00 - 10:40</b>	<b>Session 1: Strategic Perspectives on Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b> Chair: TBD (Intro 5 min)
9:05 - 9:35	Dr Cristina Donini (Medicines for Malaria Venture (MMV), Switzerland)
9:35 – 10:15	Dr Chris Cooper (TB Alliance, USA)
10:15 – 10:45	Speaker to be confirmed (LifeArc, UK)
<b>10:45 - 11:15</b>	<b>Refreshment break</b>
<b>11:15 - 12:45</b>	<b>Session 1 continued: Strategic Perspectives on Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b> Chair: TBD
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)
<b>12:45 – 13:15</b>	<b>Short talks (10 min + 5 min questions)</b> (Chair: TBD)
<b>13:15 - 14:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:15 - 16:15</b>	<b>Session 2: Chemical Biology Approaches for Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b> Chair: TBD (Intro 5 min)
14:20 - 14:50	Prof Emily Derbyshire (Duke University, USA)
14:50 - 15:20	Prof Darren Creek (Monash University, Australia)
15:20 - 15:50	Speaker to be confirmed
<b>15:50 – 16:20</b>	<b>Poster session with refreshment break</b>
<b>16:20 – 17:20</b>	<b>Session 2 continued: Chemical Biology Approaches for Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b>
16:20 – 16:50	Prof Nathaniel Martin (Leiden University, The Netherlands)
16:50 – 17:20	Prof Susan Wyllie (University of Dundee, UK)
<b>17:30 - 21:00</b>	<b>Speaker's dinner (by invitation) and evening at leisure for other delegates</b>

<b>THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2026</b>	
<b>8:00 – 8:45</b>	<b>Industry Partner Workshop</b>
<b>8:45 – 9:00</b>	<b>Mini-Break</b>
<b>9:00 – 10:35</b>	<b>Session 3: Medicinal and Synthetic Chemistry Approaches to Accelerate Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b> Chair: TBD (Intro 5 min)
9:05 – 09:35	Prof Jeff Aube (University of North Carolina, USA)
9:35 – 10:05	Prof Stuart Conway (UCLA, USA)
10:05 – 10:35	Prof Maria Laura Bolognesi (UNIBO, Italy)
<b>10:35 – 11:10</b>	<b>Poster session with refreshment break</b>
<b>11:10 – 12.25</b>	<b>Short Talks (~15 min +5 min questions)</b> Chair: TBD

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12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Session 3 continued: Medicinal and Synthetic Chemistry Approaches to Accelerate Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b> Chair: (TBD)
13:30 - 14:00	Prof Diego Muñoz-Torrero (University of Barcelona)
14:00 - 14:30	Dr Arnab Chatterjee (Scripps Research, USA)
14:30 - 15:30	<b>Session 4: Infectious Disease Biology to Guide Drug Discovery</b> Chair: (Intro 5 min)
14:35 – 15:05	Prof Adrienne Edkins (Rhodes University, South Africa)
15:05 – 15:35	Dr Richard Wall (LSHTM, UK)
15:35 – 15:50	Mini-Break
15:50 – 17:50	<b>Session 4 continues: Infectious Disease Biology to Guide Drug Discovery</b>
15:50 – 16:20	Prof Adrie Steyn (AHRI, South Africa)
16:20 – 16:50	Prof Leann Tilly (Melbourne University, Australia)
16:50 – 17:20	Prof Gilles P. van Wezel (Leiden University, The Netherlands)
17:20 – 17:50	Prof Tanya Parish (University of Washington, USA)
17:50 – 18:30	Poster session
18:30 - 21:00	Networking Function (venue) and poster session continued

<b>FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2026</b>	
8:30 - 10:00	<b>Session 5: Platforms, Tools, and Technologies to Accelerate Infectious Disease Drug Discovery</b> Chair: TBD (Intro 5 min)
8:35 – 09:05	Prof Jansy Sarathy (Hackensack Meridian Health, USA)
9:05 – 09:35	Prof Lyn-Marie Birkholtz (Stellenbosch University, South Africa)
9:35 – 10:05	Dr Erika Flannery (Novartis, USA)
10:05 – 10:20	Refreshment break
10:20 - 11:40	<b>Session 5 continues: 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, USA)
11:45 - 12:15	<b>Poster prizes and closing remarks by Prof. Kelly Chibale (Director, H3D)</b>
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch & staggered departures

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