

Pipeline Monday Programme

36th Congress of the European
Society of Clinical Microbiology
and Infectious Diseases

Munich, Germany

17–21 April 2026

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Vaccines

Monday, 20 April 2026

08:30 – 09:30

Arena 4

Pipeline Corner

Chair

Charlotte Vernhes (Brussels, Belgium)

08:30 **Meningococcal vaccines and gonococcal cross-protection**

Mariagrazia Pizza (London, United Kingdom)

08:38 **Cross-protective mAbs for Shigella prophylaxis**

Samuele Stazzoni (Siena, Italy)

08:46 **MTBVAC vaccine candidate**

Ansuya Naidoo (Durban, South Africa)

08:54 **Baxiva**

Tim Keys (Zurich, Switzerland)

09:02 **Benefits of the partnership model in the context of AMR vaccines**

Rolando Pajon Feyt (Porriño, Spain)



AI in infectious diseases – the future is now

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Hall A2-1

08:30 – 10:30

Pipeline Symposium

Chairs

Giorgia Carra (Lausanne, Switzerland)

TBA

- 08:30 **AI – risks and opportunities**
Bram Lestrade (Roermond, Netherlands)
- 09:00 **AI – experiences in drug discovery**
Stephan Sieber (Munich, Germany)
- 09:30 **AI – modelling epidemics and analysing disease outbreaks**
Moritz U. G. Kraemer (United Kingdom)
- 10:00 **AI in the regulatory field**
Radu Botgros (Amsterdam, Netherlands)



Accelerating access: rethinking HTA to unlock AMR solutions

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Hall A2-1

11:00 – 12:00

Pipeline Symposium

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Maarten Postma (Groningen, Netherlands)

Charlotte Vernhes (Brussels, Belgium)

11:00 **Data: what's available today and where are the key gaps?**

Marlieke De Kraker (Geneva, Switzerland)

11:15 **Full economic value of AMR solutions in HTA**

Michele Cecchini (Paris, France)

11:30 **EU HTA regulation and AMR solutions: lessons from vaccines**

Eliana Biundo (Wavre, Belgium)



Top papers in industrial diagnostics and drug development – a walkthrough and exploration of cross talk

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11:00 – 12:00

Pipeline Walkthrough

11:00 **Till Bachmann** (Edinburgh, United Kingdom)

11:30 **TBA**



Science under pressure – is it business as usual?

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13:30 – 14:30

Hall A2-1

Pipeline Symposium

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Till Bachmann (Edinburgh, United Kingdom)

Robert Leo Skov (Copenhagen, Denmark)

13:30 **A funder's perspective**

Ghada Zoubiane (London, United Kingdom)

14:00 **Industry perspective**

Marc Gitzinger (Basel, Switzerland)



Therapeutics

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13:30–14:30

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TBA

14:45 **Santhero Therapeutics**

Cuong Vuong (Mont Saint Guibert, Belgium)

14:52 **ARIVA Med**

Susanne Paukner (Vienna, Austria)

14:59 **Smartbax**

Robert Macsics (Oberschleißheim, Germany)

15:06 **Fedora Pharmaceuticals Inc.**

Sameeh Salama (Edmonton, Canada)

15:13 **Obulytix**

Kristof Van Emelen (Ghent, Belgium)

15:20 **Gram-Negative Antibiotic Discovery Innovator**

Erin Duffy (Boston, United States)



Diagnostics

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14:45 – 15:45

Arena 4

Pipeline Corner

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Till Bachmann (Edinburgh, United Kingdom)

13:30 **Astratus**

Oliver Hancox (Reading, United Kingdom)

13:45 **Damocles dx**

Olivier Barraud (Limoges, France)

14:00 **Melio**

Mridu Sinha (Santa Clara, United States)

14:15 **Vivid Diagnostics**

Jeff Liu (Oxford, United Kingdom)



From AI for evidence synthesis to decision making

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14:45 – 15:45

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David Eyre (Oxford, United Kingdom)

Holger Rohde (Hamburg, Germany)

14:45 **AI decision support in antibiotic prescribing –
novel aspects and direction**

Daniele Roberto Giacobbe (Genoa, Italy)

15:15 **AI for ESCMID guideline development –
A perspective on feasibility and safety**

José Molina Gil-Bermejo (Seville, Spain)



Bioinformatics

Monday, 20 April 2026

16:15 – 17:15

Arena 4

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Tim-Christoph Roloff (Zurich, Switzerland)

16:15 SamPlexer

Hrant Hovhannisyan (Barcelona, Spain)

16:35 Genome Detective

Sam Dierickx (Herent, Belgium)

16:45 CartaNova

Kazuaki (Kazu) Jinda (Tokyo, Japan)



The value of diagnostics and enhancing utilisation

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Hall A2-1

16:15 – 18:15

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Till Bachmann (Edinburgh, United Kingdom)

Betsy Wonderly Trainor (Boston, United States)

16:15 **Adoption and implementation in infection diagnostics – the long and winding road**

Jane Freeman (Leeds, United Kingdom)

16:45 **Beyond the test: social and organizational realities of implementing RTI diagnostics in primary care**

Sibyl Anthierens (Wilrijk, Belgium)

17:15 **What are diagnostics actually worth?**

Rethinking value beyond accuracy

Brooke Nichols (Boston, United States)

17:45 **From great science to routine clinical use**

Matthew McKillip (Glen Ellyn, United States)



From global research priorities to national and local impact: implementing AMR priority research agendas

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17:30 – 18:30

Policy Forum

Chair Benedikt Huttner (Geneva, Switzerland)

16:15 **Challenges and opportunities on the implementation of the OHPRA**

Sabiha Essack (Durban, South Africa)

16:30 **Implementing global research agendas on AMR: tracking research projects and activities**

Lesley Ann Ogilvie (Berlin, Germany)

16:45 **National research projects based on Global research agendas**

Gloria Cordoba (Copenhagen, Denmark)

17:00 **Promoting global research agendas for policy makers**

Geneviève Boily-Larouche (Toronto, Canada)

