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PROGRAMME



# ISPPD-14 Programme at a Glance

Plenary Session	Meet-the-Expert Session	Pre-Conference Workshop	Ceremony / Networking Event	Break
Special Session	Parallel Session	Poster Session	Industry-Sponsored Symposium	Tickets available for purchase during registration 

## SUNDAY, 17 MAY 2026

Time (CET)		Hall D1	Auditorium 10	Auditorium 11	Auditorium 12	Offsite
9:00	12:00		Workshop 01: Getting the most out of conferences 	Workshop 02: WGS-based pneumococcal species and strain characterization 	Workshop 03: Target Trial Emulation 	Workshop 04: Back to basics – pneumococcal identification and serotyping with classic techniques 
12:00	13:00	Break				
13:00	16:00		Workshop 05: How well do pneumococcal vaccines really work? Connecting trial immunogenicity with real-world outcomes 	Workshop 06: Advances in metagenomics, syndromic panels, and PCR for diagnosing airway infections 	Workshop 07: Sustaining strong pneumonia control programs in low- and middle-income countries 	
16:00	17:20					
17:20	18:00	Opening Ceremony				
18:00	19:00	Welcome Reception ( <i>in Exhibition</i> )				

# MONDAY, 18 MAY 2026

Time (CET)	Hall D1	Auditorium 10	Auditorium 11	Auditorium 12
8:00	9:00	Industry Sponsored Symposium 01 <i>(not included in the main event CME/CPD credit)</i>		
9:00	9:05	<i>Short Break</i>		
9:05	10:35	Plenary 01: Preventing pneumonia and pneumococcal disease in special populations		
10:35	11:05	<i>Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>		
11:05	12:20	Parallel 01: Pneumococcal serotype dynamics and genomic diversity	Parallel 02: Clinical management	Parallel 03: Pneumococcal immunology and host defense
				Parallel 04: Childhood vaccines
12:20	12:35	<i>Short Break</i>		
12:35	14:05	Industry Sponsored Symposium 02 <i>(not included in the main event CME/CPD credit)</i>	<i>Lunch Break (Exhibition Area), Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>	
14:05	14:15	<i>Short Break</i>		
14:15	15:45	Plenary 02: Diagnostic and treatment dilemmas posed by changes in pneumonia etiology		
15:45	16:15	<i>Poster Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>		
16:15	17:05	Poster Viewing & E-Poster Discussions ( <i>Poster Area</i> )		
		E-Poster Spotlight 01: Pneumococcal biology and host response ( <i>Station 01</i> )		
		E-Poster Spotlight 02: Clinical manifestations and pneumonia ( <i>Station 02</i> )		
		E-Poster Spotlight 03: Vaccine development and immunogenicity ( <i>Station 03</i> )		
		E-Poster Spotlight 04: Epidemiology, surveillance and AI ( <i>Station 04</i> )		
17:05	17:15	<i>Short Break</i>		
17:15	18:15	Meet-the-Expert 01: Implementation and uptake of new pneumococcal vaccines in immunocompromised populations – barriers and solutions	Meet-the-Expert 02: What to pick – conventional or molecular methods for pneumococcal surveillance	Meet-the-Expert 03: The difficult <i>Streptococcus mitis</i> group
				Meet-the-Expert 04: Mediators of mucosal immunity to pneumococcus
19:00	20:30	Early Career Networking Night ( <i>Offsite</i> )		



## TUESDAY, 19 MAY 2026

Time (CET)		Hall D1	Auditorium 10	Auditorium 11	Auditorium 12
8:00	9:00	Industry Sponsored Symposium 03 <i>(not included in the main event CME/CPD credit)</i>			
9:00	9:05	<i>Short Break</i>			
9:05	10:35	Plenary 03: Pneumonia and pneumococcal vaccines in a changing world – climate, conflict, and coverage			
10:35	11:05	<i>Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>			
11:05	12:20	Parallel 05: Vaccine design and immunogenicity	Parallel 06: Vaccination, AI and antimicrobial resistance	Parallel 07: Carriage, transmission and ecology	Parallel 08: Innovation and modelling
12:20	12:35	<i>Short Break</i>			
12:35	14:05	Industry Sponsored Symposium 04 <i>(not included in the main event CME/CPD credit)</i>	<i>Lunch Break (Exhibition Area), Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>		
14:05	14:15	<i>Short Break</i>			
14:15	15:45	Plenary 04: Optimising the enfant PCV schedule			
15:45	16:15	<i>Poster Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>			
16:15	17:05	Poster Viewing & E-Poster Discussions ( <i>Poster Area</i> )			
		E-Poster Spotlight 05: From bench to bedside ( <i>Station 01</i> )			
		E-Poster Spotlight 06: Vaccine impact and population health ( <i>Station 02</i> )			
		E-Poster Spotlight 07: Treatment, outcomes and resistance ( <i>Station 03</i> )			
		E-Poster Spotlight 08: Late-breaking abstracts ( <i>Station 04</i> )			
17:05	17:15	<i>Short Break</i>			
17:15	18:15	Meet-the-Expert 05: Pneumococcal disease in an ageing world and vaccination strategies	Meet-the-Expert 06: Pneumococcal serotype-specific epidemiology – outbreaks	Meet-the-Expert 07: Pneumococcal pneumonia and evaluation of the immune system – primary immune defects	Meet-the-Expert 08: Pneumococcal vaccine coverage and equity in a changing world
18:30	20:00	Sputum Cup – Høvdingebold (Dodgeball) ( <i>Onsite</i> )			



# WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2026

Time (CET)		Hall D1	Auditorium 10	Auditorium 11	Auditorium 12
8:00	9:00				Industry Sponsored Symposium 05 (not included in the main event CME/CPD credit)
9:00	9:05	<i>Short Break</i>			
9:05	10:35	Plenary 05: Bacterial and viral interactions			
10:35	11:05	<i>Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>			
11:05	12:20	Parallel 09: Vaccine impact and effectiveness	Parallel 10: Epidemiology and disease burden	Parallel 11: Health systems and access to pneumococcal vaccines	Parallel 12: Late-breaking abstracts
12:20	12:35	<i>Short Break</i>			
12:35	13:50	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Session - Maximizing Impact of Pneumococcal Vaccines: Balancing new epidemiological insights, higher valency vaccines and dose optimization	<i>Lunch Break (Exhibition Area), Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>		
13:50	14:00	<i>Short Break</i>			
14:00	15:30	Plenary 06: Hot topics and new ideas – results from Robert Austrian Research Award winners			
15:30	16:00	<i>Coffee Break, Visit Exhibition and Poster Viewing</i>			
16:00	17:00	Meet-the-Expert 09: Global pneumococcal sequence clusters – a guide for the perplexed	Meet-the-Expert 10: The microbiome and pneumococcal carriage – emerging insights	Meet-the-Expert 11: Pro and con – adjunctive macrolide for CAP	Meet-the-Expert 12: Ensuring equitable and timely access to New Vaccines: Keeping up the momentum in challenging times - Lessons from initiatives for accelerating new vaccine introduction such as the GAVI Hib Initiative, twenty years later!
17:00	17:10	<i>Short Break</i>			
17:10	18:30	Robert Austrian Lecture and Awards			
19:30	23:30	Networking Dinner ( <i>Offsite</i> )			



# THURSDAY, 21 MAY 2026

Time (CET)		Auditorium 11
8:00	9:30	<b>Plenary 07:</b> Combating antimicrobial resistance in pneumonia and pneumococcal disease
9:30	9:40	<i>Short Break</i>
9:40	11:10	<b>Plenary 08:</b> Pneumococcal carriage – guidelines, gaps, and global use
11:10	11:30	<i>Coffee Break (Foyer Area)</i>
11:30	13:00	<b>Plenary 09:</b> Extended-valency pneumococcal vaccines – opportunities and immunological challenges
13:00	13:20	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>



## OPENING HOURS

Date	Registration	Speakers' Ready Room	Exhibition
Sunday, 17 May, 2026	08:00 - 18:30	08:00 - 18:30	17:30 - 19:00
Monday, 18 May, 2026	07:30 - 18:15	07:30 - 18:15	10:00 - 17:15
Tuesday, 19 May, 2026	07:30 - 18:15	07:30 - 18:15	10:00 - 17:15
Wednesday, 20 May, 2026	07:30 - 18:10	07:30 - 18:10	10:00 - 16:15
Thursday, 21 May, 2026	07:30 - 13:20	07:30 - 13:20	

## WI-FI

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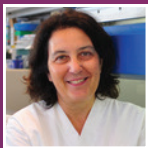
# Emerging serotypes and antimicrobial resistance: Navigating today's pneumococcal challenges

A practical discussion on evolving pneumococcal epidemiology, risk, and resistance across age groups

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026 | 08:00–09:00 | Hall D1**



**Peter Richmond**  
MD, PhD (Chair)



**Chiara Azzari**  
MD, PhD



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**José Yuste**  
PhD

- **Assess** evolving pneumococcal serotype distribution and disease burden across populations
  - **Apply** surveillance and epidemiological insights to support evidence-informed clinical risk assessment
  - **Evaluate** the clinical relevance of emerging and non-vaccine serotypes
- **Earn educational credit** through participation in this accredited symposium

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# Celebrating Over 25 Years of PCVs:

**A Panel Discussion on the Current State of Pneumococcal Disease and Opportunities to Improve Protection Across All Ages**

**Join Us for an Expert Panel Discussion**



**Monday, 18 May 2026 | 12:35–14:05 (CEST) | Hall D1, Ground Floor**

**Ron Dagan, MD**  
**(Moderator)**

*Beer-Sheva, Israel*

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**Join us for what promises to be an engaging event!**

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# Optimizing life-course vaccination for the prevention of pneumococcal disease in adults

**Bella Center Copenhagen • Plenary Hall • Copenhagen, Denmark**

**Tuesday, 19 May 2026 • 12:35 – 14:05 (CEST)**

## Agenda

12:35 – 12:40	Opening remarks <i>Thomas Benfield</i>
12:40 – 12:55	Closing the gap: Leveraging pediatric pneumococcal success to reduce residual adult disease <i>Arto Palmu</i>
12:55 – 13:10	Beyond the disease burden: How serotype shifts shape adult pneumococcal disease outcomes <i>Gili Regev-Yochay</i>
13:10 – 13:25	Broadening protection against pneumococcal disease: Insights from the PNEUMO study <i>Kelly Johnson</i>
13:25 – 13:40	Bridging the gap: Practical drivers for adult pneumococcal vaccination success <i>Odile Launay</i>
13:40 – 14:00	Q&A <i>Chair; All speakers</i>
14:00 – 14:05	Closing remarks and summary <i>Thomas Benfield</i>

Agenda may be subject to change pending speaker confirmation



## Chair

**Thomas Benfield**  
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## Faculty

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