

TBVI Symposium 2026

Maison des Congrès, Les Diablerets

Tuesday, 27 January 2026



Welcome and Opening - <i>TBVI</i>	13:30-13:35
TBVI Awards 2026 - <i>TBVI</i>	13:35-13:45
Vaccine Development Pathway/Roadmap - <i>Elly van Riet & Marit Holleman, TBVI</i>	13:45-14:00

1. Innovating and Diversifying the TB Vaccine Pipeline

a. Mechanisms of Action - (chair: *Frank Verreck*)

“Trained immunity: from mechanisms to vaccines” - <i>Mihai Netea, Radboud University</i>	14:00-14:30
“Local immunity in the lung” - <i>Steffen Stenger, Institute of Medical Microbiology and Hygiene</i>	14:30-14:50
“Characterising lung mucosal and systemic immune response in humans following inhalation of attenuated <i>Mycobacterium bovis</i> BCG using single cell sequencing” - <i>TBVI Awardee Shuailin Li, University of Oxford</i>	14:50-15:10
“Next-Generation Nucleic Acid-Based Vaccine for Targeting MTB Persisters” - <i>Petros Karakousis, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine</i>	15:10-15:30
“High-endothelial venules represent a vaccine-inducible backdoor for homing of T cells in <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> lung lesions” - <i>TBVI Awardee Nafsika Panagiotopoulou, Statens Serum Institut</i>	15:30-15:50
Q&A	15:50-16:10

Group Photo

16:10-16:15

Coffee Break

16:15-16:45

b. Preclinical Mucosal Vaccine Candidates - chair: *Camille Locht*

“Challenges in mucosal TB vaccine development including the story of Spore-FP1 candidate” - <i>Rajko Reljic, City St George's University of London</i>	16:45-17:15
“A novel Th17-inducing mucosal vaccine for tuberculosis” - <i>Mushtaq Ahmed, University of Chicago</i>	17:15-17:35
“Improving lung immunity with next generation TB subunit vaccines” - <i>Helen McShane, University of Oxford</i>	17:35-17:55
Q&A	17:55-18:15
Wrap-up Summary, Evening Programme & Outlook to Wednesday - <i>TBVI</i>	18:15-18:20
<u>Raising awareness of tuberculosis through gamification: the Tuberculosis Alert board game</u> - <i>Cris Vilaplana and Maria Vidal, IGTP-HUGTIP</i>	18:20-18:30
Reception	19:00-19:30
Dinner	19:30
TB Alert Game (<i>Hotel Lobby Area</i>)	21:00

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Welcome of the Day - TBVI

08:30-08:35

2 Accelerating Clinical Development - chair: Frank Cobelens

"Accelerating clinical development" - Frank Cobelens, Amsterdam UMC/
Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development

08:35-08:40

"The TB Vaccine Clinical Pipeline and Lessons Learned from Recent Trials" -
Mark Hatherill, University of Cape Town

08:40-09:00

"Symptom-agnostic endpoints" - Gavin Churchyard, The Aurum Institute

09:00-09:20

Panel Discussion - "Clinical trial design; subclinical, IGRA-/IGRA+ (SAGE report)" -
moderated by Frank Cobelens and Mark Hatherill - Panel Alex Schmidt, Gates
Foundation, Gavin Churchyard, Aurum Institute, Michele Tameris SATVI, University of
Cape Town, Morten Ruhwold, NIVI Development

09:20-09:50

Coffee & Networking Break

09:50-10:20

3 Ensuring Public Health Impact; preparing for roll out during development - chair: Richard White

Introduction - Richard White

10:20-10:25

"Looking ahead during development" - Richard White, LSHTM, Elly van Riet, TBVI

10:25-10:45

"How modelling can support thinking about potentially maximizing public health
impact" - TBVI Awardee Rebecca Clark, LSHTM

10:45-11:05

"Shaping a Global Access roadmap: developers' perspective" - Eliana Pombo,
Biofabri

11:05-11:25

"WHO perspective – ongoing/planned pre-licensure activities to maximise public
health impact" - Birgitte Giersing, World Health Organization

11:25-11:45

Panel Discussion - moderated by Richard White - Panel Willem Hanekom, AHRI,
Birgitte Giersing, WHO, Kristin Croucher, Gates Foundation, Claudia Crowell,
BioNtech, Alemnew Dagnew, Gates MRI

11:45-12:25

Closure - TBVI

12:25-12:30