



BRITISH SOCIETY FOR MICROBIAL TECHNOLOGY

**41st ANNUAL MICROBIOLOGY CONFERENCE**

Royal Air Force Museum, Hendon

Date: Thursday 21st May 2026

***Microbial Technology in Practice: the Good, the Bad and the Bugly***

An ideal opportunity to enhance your CPD

08.30 – 10.00	Registration, Coffee and Trade Show
10.00 – 10.05	<b>Welcome by BSMT Chair: David Westrip</b>
	<b>Chair for the Morning Session: Dr Kate Templeton</b>
10.05 – 10.15	<b>Introduction to the day</b> Dr Kate Templeton - President of the BSMT
10.15 – 11.00	<b>Current state and the potential future for diagnostic microbiology</b> Dr Sarah Pitt - Principal Lecturer, University of Brighton President, Institute of Biomedical Science
11.00 – 11.40	<b>Holy moly! A case of domestically acquired cholera</b> Dr Marie Anne Chattaway - Unit Head for the Gastrointestinal Reference Unit (GBRU), UKHSA
11.40 – 12.10	<b>Break &amp; Trade Show (with light refreshments)</b>
12.10 – 12.50	<b><i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>: atypical in many ways</b> Dr Michael Beeton - Reader in Microbiology, Cardiff Metropolitan University
12.50 – 13.30	<b>The changing distribution of mosquito vector species in the UK</b> Dr Joylon Medlock - Head of Medical Entomology, UKHSA
13.30 – 14.30	<b>Trade Show &amp; Lunch</b>
	<b>Chair for the Afternoon Session: Professor Brian Duerden CBE</b>
14.30 – 15.10	<b>In defence of anaerobic bacteriology: expect the unexpected</b> Professor Michael Wren MBE FRSB
15.10 – 15.50	<b>Phage therapy and its role in the treatment of bacterial infections</b> Professor Martha Clokie - Professor of Microbiology, University of Leicester

**Cost: An Early Bird Discount Rate of £75 applies to registrations received before 20 April 2026**  
**The higher rate of £95:00 will apply to registrations received after this date**  
**Full Time Student Rate £35**  
**(Fee includes morning coffee, light refreshments & lunch)**



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- 1) [Register for the conference here](#)
- 2) on-line via the link on the BSMT website: [www.bsmt.org.uk](http://www.bsmt.org.uk)
- 3) via the link in a BSMT email received

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