



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

08.30 – 10.00	Registration, Coffee and Trade Show
10.00 – 10.05	Welcome by BSMT Chair: David Westrip
	Chair for the Morning Session: Dr Kate Templeton
10.05 – 10.15	Introduction to the day Dr Kate Templeton - President of the BSMT
10.15 – 11.00	Current state and the potential future for diagnostic microbiology Dr Sarah Pitt - Principal Lecturer, University of Brighton President, Institute of Biomedical Science
11.00 – 11.40	Holy moly! A case of domestically acquired cholera Dr Marie Anne Chattaway - Unit Head for the Gastrointestinal Reference Unit (GBRU), UKHSA
11.40 – 12.10	Break & Trade Show (with light refreshments)
12.10 – 12.50	<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>: atypical in many ways Dr Michael Beeton - Reader in Microbiology, Cardiff Metropolitan University
12.50 – 13.30	The changing distribution of mosquito vector species in the UK Dr Joylon Medlock - Head of Medical Entomology, UKHSA
13.30 – 14.30	Trade Show & Lunch
	Chair for the Afternoon Session: Professor Brian Duerden CBE
14.30 – 15.10	In defence of anaerobic bacteriology: expect the unexpected Professor Michael Wren MBE FRSB
15.10 – 15.50	Phage therapy and its role in the treatment of bacterial infections 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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- 2) on-line via the link on the BSMT website: www.bsmt.org.uk
- 3) via the link in a BSMT email received

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