



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

This year's AMC is dedicated to Jim Lindsay, founding member of BSMT who sadly died in June 2025

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 ***Mycoplasma pneumoniae*: 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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