



Quarterly Newsletter *January 2022*

Each quarter, the International Society for Viruses of Microorganisms will share with its members the most relevant news and updates in the big world of tiny viruses of microbes.

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1. ISVM Events






In collaboration, the [International Society for Viruses of Microorganisms \(ISVM\)](#), [Phage Directory](#), and the organizers of [VoM 2022](#) are excited to announce [Season 2 of iVoM](#), a series of online lectures from prominent researchers studying viruses of microbes. Seven sessions will run from December 2021 to May 2022, in the lead-up to the exciting in-person version of VoM, July 2022.

Join us & register for iVoM2 [here!](#)



iVoM webinar series Season 2, 2021/22
Session 3: Phage application in the One Health approach

SPEAKERS

-  **Cath Rees**
University of Nottingham, UK
-  **Mariana Piuri**
University of Buenos Aires, Argentina
-  **Lone Brøndsted**
University of Copenhagen, Denmark

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18-22 July 2022

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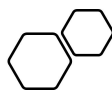
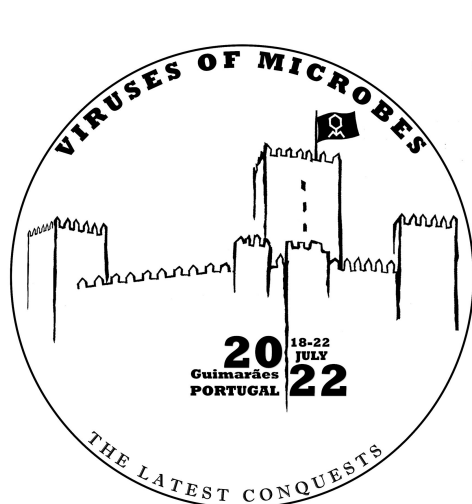
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Next session will be February 2nd 2022, 2pm CET.

For full iVoM2 program, visit our [website](#).



Welcome to
Viruses of
Microbes 2022!

Registration from Vom2022 is now open!

Many of us are excited for the upcoming Viruses of Microbes (VoM) conference finally taking place summer 2022 in Portugal (after being rescheduled from 2020). Visit the Vom2022 website to submit an abstract and to register for the conference.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Abstract Submission Deadline

8th March 2022

Notification of Selected Abstracts

8th April 2022

Early Registration Payment

24th April 2022

Extended submissions (for poster presentations)

31st May 2022

Notifications for extended submissions

13th June 2022



A GLIMPSE OF VOM2022!

Need a grant?

Please visit the [VoM2022 website](#) to find out more about how to apply for registration and accommodation grants.

If you need a recommendation from a FEMS member, reach out to us at contact@isvm.org!

2. News

A new study group of the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases has been set up within the field of **non-traditional antibacterials including bacteriophage antimicrobial phage and phage related products (ESGNTA)**. In close collaboration with ISVM, different symposia will be hosted in the coming years, the first of which at the [European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases 32nd ECCMID](#) in Lisbon, Portugal (23 – 26 April 2022).



We thank the founding committee members, Ran NIR-PAZ, Tristan FERRY, Patrick SOENTJENS, Joana AZEREDO and Zuzanna DRULIS-KAWA for their efforts in successfully petitioning to set up this study group.

People interested in joining the [Executive Committee \(2022-24 term\)](#) can now be nominated.

ESGNTA members are eligible and can propose nominations, can nominate other members or support members that have been already nominated. To access the [election platform](#) use the ESCMID account.

The timeline for elections is:

- *Nomination phase: [10/01/2022 - 14/02/2022](#)*
- *Election phase: [03/03/2022 - 17/03/2022](#)*
- *The new Executive Committee takes office at [ECCMID 2022](#).*



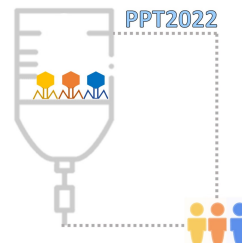
Prof. Joana Azeredo explores how antimicrobial resistances have pushed the search for new antimicrobials specifically looking at phage therapy and how this new therapy is developing.

3. Meetings

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME of *European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases 32nd ECCMID* Lisbon, Portugal 23 – 26 April 2022

Two symposia co-organised with ESCMID Study Group for Non-traditional Antibacterial Therapy (ESGNTA) were selected:

1. Fighting biofilm with non-traditional antibacterials
- &
2. New insights into phages: current challenges and future developments



Personalised phage therapy: basic principles of monitoring and treatment

The first **ESGNTA Online Course** title: **“PERSONALISED PHAGE THERAPY: BASIC PRINCIPLES OF MONITORING AND TREATMENT”**

will take place on the 7-10th of June 2022. It will include four sessions with cutting-edge scientific talks in the field of personalised phage therapy, including (1) *therapeutic monitoring*, (2) *immune response to bacteriophages*, (3) *formulation and administration of bacteriophages for therapy*, and (4) *current state and prospects of oral phage therapy*.

The full details of the scientific program will be finalised over the next few weeks and will be available [here](#).

4. Past Events



Africa Phage Forum *Symposium 2021*

[Africa Phage Forum](#) Symposium 2021 held on 13-17 December 2021 was focused on **opportunities in One Health** for phage research in Africa.

Check out the recordings of the Africa Phage Forum webinars [here](#).



Webinar Series organised by [Ibadan Phage Research Team](#) - **World Phage Week #WPW 2021**, held on October 29-30 2021. Check out the event recordings [here](#).



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