



News from ISVM International Society for Viruses of Microorganisms

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ISVM updates



VOM2023 in Tbilisi (<https://vom2023.org/en>) was a vibrant celebration of science, fostering connections and sparking innovative ideas. Our heartfelt **thanks to the local organizing committee** and our 564 attendees (239 women and 196 men) from **60 countries across 5 continents** for making it another unforgettable event. All attendees were excited to get together in such an iconic city and share their passion for viruses of microorganisms! Among them were **221 distinguished academics, 145 budding student researchers, and 54 dynamic business minds.**

The conference was a **powerhouse of knowledge**, organized into **8 engaging sessions**. For these, **39 speakers**, including 23 distinguished key speakers and 16 talented abstract-based presenters, took the stage. Adding to the body of knowledge were **310 inspiring posters** that showcased a world of research and discovery.

**VoM2023
Group Photo
and main
organizers**



The conference offered **11 Attendance Grants and 8 Travel Grants**, generously doling out 400 and 800 Euros respectively. Plus, in a gesture of solidarity, **5 grants were awarded to Ukrainian scientists**, embodying the **spirit of global unity**. We would like to thank all our [VOM2023 sponsors](#) for their unconditional support, your partnership is intrinsic to the success of our conference. Special thank you to [Vesale Pharma](#), [FEMS](#), [ESGNTA](#), and [Jafral](#) for their generous sponsorship of Oral and Poster Presentations Awards including the “Betty Kutter Award”. These awards shined a spotlight on remarkable contributions from early career scientists, hopefully motivating them to continue to push the boundaries of their research.



Upcoming Events & Meetings

- *coming soon* -

iVOM season 3

iVoM Webinar Series Season 3

- ❑ six sessions, diverse viral topics
- ❑ from December 2023 to March 2024
- ❑ featuring early career researchers



Please register at <https://ivom.phage.directory>

VOM2024



the Viruses of Microbes 2024 Meeting: Expanding Our Viral Frontiers

The VoM 2024 meeting will be held outside of Europe for the very first time to be hosted on the shores of the Great Barrier Reef, in the tropical tourist destination of Cairns, Australia. The five-day scientific program will encompass a broad range of topics related to the viruses of microbes' research field. This will include 'Birds Eye' Keynote presentations, topic-focused symposiums, poster sessions within our exhibition floorspace, an engaging social program and conference dinner, a dedicated session for early-career researchers, and lunch, morning, and afternoon tea provided.

Visit www.vom2024.org for the latest information.

ISVM announcements

VOM2026 application

Viruses of Microbes Meeting VoM 2026 Application

The Viruses of Microbes (VOM) conference is the official meeting of the International Society of Viruses of Microorganisms (ISVM; www.isvm.org/).

We cordially invite enthusiastic and dedicated ISVM members to become VOM2026 organizers. If you're ready to roll up your sleeves and create a passionate team that will organize a memorable event the Viruses of Microbes 2026 conference, we welcome your application!

The application template form is attached to the newsletter email.

Complete application form must be submitted by email to the ISVM Board (board@isvm.org) by **30 April 2024**.

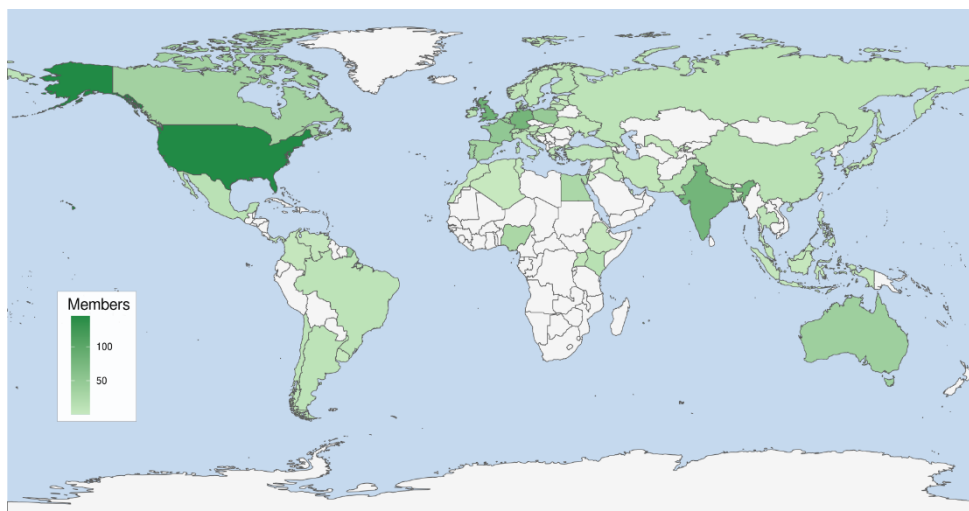
There will be a few weeks after the deadline of submission during which the ISVM Board may request additional information, after which the ISVM Board will review and decide by mid-June 2024. The selected organizers will be invited to present their application during the upcoming Viruses of Microbes conference (VoM 2024) in Cairns, Australia, in person or by sending a PowerPoint presentation or video.

Prospective organizers are advised that the organization of the Viruses of Microbes meeting is a rewarding but also demanding task that must be undertaken only with the backing of several co-organizers (a strong local organizing committee).

ISVM membership

The International Society for Viruses of Microorganisms (ISVM) boasts an impressive 1,300 members from nearly 200 different countries! We invite you to become a part of this wonderful family, where we collectively redefine the possibilities and potential of the world of viruses of microorganisms.

Please spread the word, and **encourage young scientists to join our global community of members**, here is the [link for registration](#).



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