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# IIC – Hot Topics in Infection & Immunity in Children

## The ESPID-Oxford Course

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Course

St Catherine's College, Oxford

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

<b>10.00-10.30</b>	<b>Registration and coffee</b>	
10.30-10.50	Welcome	Professor Sir Andrew Pollard Director, Oxford Vaccine Group & Ashall Professor Infection and Immunity, University of Oxford
10.50-11.20	Climate change and immunisation	Dr Kate O'Brien Director, Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals, World Health Organization (WHO)
11.25-11.55	AI and microbiology	Professor Adrian Egli Director, Institute for Medical Microbiology, University of Zurich
12.05-12.35	Headwinds	Professor Paul Offit Director, Vaccine Education Center & Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Infectious Diseases, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
<b>12.35-12.45</b>	<b>Scoring of sessions</b>	
<b>12.45-13.30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
13.30-14.30	ID Case rounds 1	Professor Nigel Curtis Professor of Paediatric Infectious Diseases, University of Melbourne and Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, Australia
14.35-15.05	Host microbiome interaction in the respiratory tract in early life	Professor Debby Bogaert Scottish Senior Clinical Fellow and Honorary Consultant



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		in Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Centre for Inflammation Research, University of Edinburgh
15.10-15:40	Classification, recognition and treatment of primary immunodeficiencies	Professor Isabelle Meyts Head, Immunogenetics Research Group & Inborn Errors of Immunity, KU Leuven
<b>15.40-15.45</b>	<b>Scoring of sessions</b>	
<b>15.45-16.15</b>	<b>Tea break</b>	<i>Graduates Robing &amp; Families to ingress to LT</i>
16.15-16.45	Award Ceremony for PGCertificate & PGDiploma in Paediatric Infectious Diseases graduates.	Professor Sir Andrew Pollard, Director, Oxford Vaccine Group Dr Stéphane Paulus, Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust Associate Professor Simon Drysdale, Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology, Department of Paediatrics, University of Oxford Dr Dominic Kelly, BRC Consultant in Paediatrics and Vaccinology, University of Oxford
16.50-17.20	Good and bad bugs at the beginning of life	Professor Anne Marie van Rossum Professor of Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Sophia Children's Hospital of the Erasmus University Medical Center in Rotterdam
17.25-17.55	Vaccine Research in Latin America: Challenges, Achievements and Perspectives for the future	Professor Xavier Sáez-Llorens Chief of Infectious Diseases and Director of Clinical Research, Dr. José Renán Esquivel Children's Hospital, Panama
<b>17.55-18.00</b>	<b>Scoring of Sessions</b>	
18.00-18.15	Introduction to the PGCertificate, PGDiploma and MSc in Paediatric Infectious Diseases courses	Bernard Sunley Lecture Theatre
<b>18.00-18.45</b>	<b><i>Drink's reception for the Paediatric Infectious Diseases programme, prospective, current students and Alumni</i></b>	JCR Lounge, St Catherine's College
	<i>Free Evening</i>	



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## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

	<i>Breakfast at accommodation</i>	
<b>08.30-09.00</b>	<b>Arrival drinks</b>	
09.00-09.45	IIC Court Room Debate Judge: Professor Adilia Warris	
09.45-10.15	The McCracken Lecture	
	Meningitis, a history	Professor Xavier Sáez-Llorens Chief of Infectious Diseases and Director of Clinical Research, Dr. José Renán Esquivel Children's Hospital, Panama
10.20-10.50	NTM	Professor Liz Whittaker Professor of Practice, Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology, Imperial College London
<b>10.50-10.55</b>	<b>Scoring of sessions</b>	
<b>10.55-11.25</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11.25-11.55	Determinants of future health	Dr James Gilchrist Wellcome Career Development Fellow, Oxford Vaccine Group & Honorary Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases & Immunology
12.00-12.30	RSV sequencing and genomics	Dr Thomas Christie Williams Senior Clinical Research Fellow, Child Life and Health, University of Edinburgh
12.35-13.05	Susceptibility to infection	Dr Anne Puel Human Genetics of Infectious Diseases, French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM)
<b>13.05-13.10</b>	<b>Scoring of sessions</b>	
<b>13.10-14.10</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
14.10-15.10	ID Case rounds 2	Professor Adilia Warris Professor Paediatric Infectious Disease, University of Exeter  Associate Professor Simon Drysdale, Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology, Department of Paediatrics, University of Oxford



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15.15-15.45	Sustainable antibiotic prescribing	Dr Emma Lim Paediatric Consultant and Paediatric Sepsis Lead, Great North Children's Hospital
15.50-16.20	Neonatal sepsis and you	Professor Julia Bielicki Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Infection Prevention and Control, University of Basel Children's Hospital
<b>16.20-16.25</b>	<b>Scoring of Session</b>	
<b>16.25-16.55</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16.55-17.25	Long term impact of LRTI in children / Early life respiratory infection	Dr James Allinson Respiratory Consultant, Royal Brompton Hospital & Honorary Senior Clinical Lecturer, National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London
17:25-17.55	Pathophysiology and management of HLH	Dr Anupama Rao Consultant Haematologist, Great Ormond Street Hospital
17:55-18.25	IIC Quiz	Associate Professor Eleni Vergadi Assistant Professor, Medical School, University of Crete, Greece  Professor Liz Whittaker Professor of Practice, Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology, Imperial College London
<b>18:25-18:30</b>	<b>Scoring of sessions</b>	
18:30-19.30	<i>Free time before Course dinner</i>	
<b>19.30</b>	<b>Course Dinner &amp; drinks reception</b>	<b>Dining Hall, St Catherine's College</b>

### Thursday 25th June

	<i>Breakfast at accommodation</i>	
<b>08.00–08.30</b>	<b>Arrival drinks</b>	
08.30-09.00	HIV and CMV in LMICs 2026	Professor Pablo Rojo Professor of Pediatrics, Complutense University of Madrid
09.05-09.35	Perinatal hepatitis B and C – hot topics for 2026	Dr Caroline Foster Consultant in Adolescent Infectious Diseases, Children's Infectious Diseases, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust



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09.40-10.10	Surgical site infection	Dr Stéphane Paulus Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Trust
10.15-10.45	How should paediatricians think about the family, pneumococcus	Dr Nick Croucher Associate Professor in Bacterial Genomics, School of Public Health, Imperial College London
<b>10.45-10.50</b>	<b>Scoring of Sessions</b>	
<b>10.50-11.20</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11.20-11.50	Adolescent health and HIV infection	Professor Rashida Ferrand Professor of International Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
11.55-12.55	ID case Rounds 3	Associate Professor Eleni Vergadi Assistant Professor, Medical School, University of Crete, Greece.  Professor Octavio Ramilo Chair, Department of Infectious Diseases, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital & Professor of Pediatrics, University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center
12.55-13.25	TBC or not TBC	Professor Nigel Curtis Professor of Paediatric Infectious Diseases, University of Melbourne and Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne, Australia
<b>13.25-13.30</b>	<b>Scoring of sessions</b>	
<b>13.30-14.00</b>	<b>Sandwich lunch and depart</b>	

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