

IIC – Infection & Immunity in Children

The ESPID-Oxford Course

23rd Course

St Catherine's College, Oxford

Tuesday 23rd – Thursday 25th June 2026

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10.00-10.30	Registration and coffee	
10.30-10.45	Welcome	IIC Steering Committee Andrew Pollard, Nigel Curtis, Octavio Ramilo, Adilia Warris, Simon Drysdale, Annemarie van Rossum, Elizabeth Whittaker and Eleni Vergadi
10.45-11.15	Climate change and child health	Dr Kate O'Brien Director, Department of Immunization, Vaccines and Biologicals, World Health Organization (WHO)
11.20-11.50	AI and microbiology	Professor Adrian Egli Director, Institute for Medical Microbiology, University of Zurich
11.55-12.25	Headwinds	Professor Paul Offit Director, Vaccine Education Center & Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Infectious Diseases, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
12.25-12.30	Scoring of sessions	
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
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 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
15.40-15.45	Scoring of sessions	
15.45-16.15	Tea break	Graduates Robing & Families to ingress to LT
16.15-16.45	<i>Award Ceremony for PGCertificate & PGDiploma in Paediatric Infectious Diseases graduates.</i>	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
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	Vaccines 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
17.55 – 18.00	Scoring of Sessions	
18.00-18.15	<i>Introduction to the PGCertificate, PGDiploma and MSc in Paediatric Infectious Diseases courses</i>	Bernard Sunley Lecture Theatre
18.00-18.45	<i>Drink's reception for the Paediatric Infectious Diseases programme, Prospective, current students and Alumni</i>	JCR Lounge, St Catherine's College
19.00-20.30	Free Evening	

Wednesday 24th June

08.00-09.00	Breakfast at accommodation	
08.30-09.00	Arrival drinks	
09.00-09.45	IIC Debate	
	The McCracken Lecture	
09.45-10.15	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	Adolescent health and HIV infection	Professor Rashida Ferrand Professor of International Health, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
10.50-10.55	Scoring of sessions	
10.55-11.25	Coffee break	
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)
13.05-13.10	Scoring of sessions	
13.10-14.10	Lunch	
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
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
16.20-16.25	Scoring of Session	
16.25-16.55	Coffee break	
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	Assistant Professor Eleni Vergadi Clinical Fellow in Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children and Assistant Professor of Paediatrics, University of Crete, Greece Professor Liz Whittaker Professor of Practice, Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology, Imperial College London
18:25-18:30	Scoring of sessions	
18:30-18:45	Free time before Course dinner	
18.45	Course Dinner & drinks reception	Dining Hall, St Catherine's College

Thursday 25th June

07.30-08.00	Breakfast at accommodation	
08.00-08.30	Arrival drinks	
08.30-09.00	HIV and CMV in LMICs 2026	Professor Pablo Rojo Professor of Pediatrics, Complutense University of Madrid
09.05-09.35	What to do about HBV and HCV	Dr Caroline Foster Consultant, Children's Infectious Diseases, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
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
10.45-10.50	Scoring of Sessions	
10.50-11.20	Coffee break	
11.20-11.50	NTM	Professor Liz Whittaker Professor of Practice, Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology, Imperial College London
11.55-12.55	ID case Rounds 3	Assistant Professor Eleni Vergadi Clinical Fellow in Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology, Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children and Assistant Professor of Paediatrics, University of Crete, Greece Professor Octavio Ramilo Chair, Department of Infectious Diseases, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital & Professor of Pediatrics, University of Tennessee Healthy 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
13.25-13.30	Scoring of sessions	
13.30-14.00	Buffet lunch and depart	