

1st INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SWINE INFLUENZA

FROM SCIENCE TO POLICIES

23–25 September 2026

Hotel International, Zagreb, Croatia

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Day 1 — Wednesday, 23 September 2026

ESFLU Final Meeting & Stakeholders' Roundtable

08:00–09:00	Registration
09:00–09:50	Opening ceremony <i>Welcome addresses from the organisers</i>
09:50–10:00	Meeting organisation & symposium overview <i>Gwenaëlle Dauphin</i>
SESSION 1 — DIAGNOSTICS & VIRUS DYNAMICS	
10:00–10:25	Historical perspectives of swine influenza in Europe <i>Gaëlle Simon</i>
10:25–10:45	Strengthening diagnostic capability in Europe <i>Sasan Fereidouni, Annika Graaf-Rau, Chiara Chiapponi, Helen Everett</i>
10:45–11:10	Collaborative monitoring of virus spatial & geographic dynamics <i>Gautier Richard, Pia Ryt-Hansen, Alexander Byrne</i>
11:10–11:40	Coffee break
SESSION 2 — SURVEILLANCE, BIOSECURITY & ECONOMICS	
11:40–12:00	Swine influenza surveillance: approaches & guidelines <i>Tijs Tobias</i>
12:00–12:20	Biosecurity for swine influenza <i>Miroslav Kjosevski</i>
12:20–12:40	Economic impact of swine influenza <i>Eduardo Velazquez</i>
12:40–13:45	Lunch
SESSION 3 — VACCINATION, PERCEPTION & ZONOTIC RISK	
13:45–14:10	Vaccines and vaccination <i>Claire Hautefeuille</i>
14:10–14:35	Disease and vaccination perception <i>Lucía Dieste Pérez</i>
14:35–15:00	Zoonotic risk <i>Lars E. Larsen</i>
15:00–15:30	Coffee break
STAKEHOLDERS' ROUNDTABLE — POLICY & FUTURE STRATEGY	
15:30–16:30	Panel discussion with policy makers & stakeholders <i>EU-level monitoring of swine influenza, risk communication, surveillance coordination and policy harmonisation. Panellists to be confirmed.</i>
16:30–17:00	Closure of the day <i>Gwenaëlle Dauphin</i>
19:00–21:00	Gala dinner

Day 2 — Thursday, 24 September 2026

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SESSIONS 4 & 5	
Virus evolution & characterisation · Diagnostics & detection methods	
09:00–09:30	KEYNOTE LECTURE Swine influenza virus dynamics in depth (2013–2026) <i>Gautier Richard</i>
09:30–10:00	KEYNOTE LECTURE Monitoring zoonotic cases: what we see in humans (One Health) <i>Angeliki Melidou</i>
SESSION 4 — VIRUS EVOLUTION & CHARACTERISATION	
10:00–11:00	4.1 Pre-pandemic characterisation of swine influenza viruses: a WHO Collaborating Centre perspective <i>Alexander M. P. Byrne</i> 4.2 Antigenic drift and nursery immunity gaps in farrow-to-finish herds: implications for vaccination strategy <i>Jerrold M. Tubay</i> 4.3 Evolution of surface proteins in swine influenza A viruses circulating in Belgium (2023–2026) <i>Maha Masoudi</i> 4.4 Regular monitoring of Spanish pig farms in different regions reveals a high degree of genetic diversity and dynamic circulation of influenza A virus within farms <i>Ivan Domingo-Carreño</i>
11:00–11:30	Coffee break & poster viewing
SESSION 5 — DIAGNOSTICS & DETECTION METHODS	
11:30–12:30	5.1 Another virus bites the dust: electrostatic dust collectors as non-invasive alternative for detection and sequencing of influenza A virus in pig herds <i>Marina Meester</i> 5.2 Which influenza-A subtypes can be found in fattener blood on Hungarian farms with HI testing? <i>Péter Máté</i> 5.3 Serological and molecular detection of swine influenza A virus in Macedonian commercial pig farms <i>Branko Angjelovski</i> 5.4 Same virus, different stories: measuring swine influenza virus transmission in three Dutch farms under endemic circumstances <i>Evelien A. Germeraad</i>
12:30–12:45	Flash poster presentations <i>Virus evolution & diagnostics</i>
12:45–13:00	Sponsor presentation
13:00–14:00	Lunch & poster session

SESSION 6 — EPIDEMIOLOGY & SURVEILLANCE

14:00–14:20	KEYNOTE LECTURE Swine influenza situation in Europe <i>Pia Ryt-Hansen</i>
14:20–14:40	KEYNOTE LECTURE Swine influenza situation in the Americas <i>Martha Nelson</i>
14:40–15:00	KEYNOTE LECTURE Swine influenza situation in Asia <i>Tommy Lam</i>
15:00–15:30	Coffee break & poster viewing
15:30–17:00	6.1 Ongoing circulation of human-derived H3N2 swine influenza viruses in Northern Italy <i>Laura Soliani</i> 6.2 H3N2 influenza A virus detected in pigs in Great Britain for the first time in three decades <i>Benjamin C. Mollett</i> 6.3 Genomic surveillance reveals dominance of Eurasian avian-like swine influenza A virus and bidirectional transmission in Swiss pig herds <i>Mike Mwanga</i> 6.4 Understanding endemic swine influenza dynamics in pig herds: insights from longitudinal monitoring and machine learning <i>Elisabeth Hellec</i> 6.5 Integrated surveillance strategies of swine influenza A viruses to assess environmental contamination and occupational exposure in pig farms <i>Andrea Fortin</i> 6.6 Enhancing influenza A surveillance in the Netherlands: addressing epidemiology gaps of influenza A in a One Health context <i>Lucía Dieste-Pérez</i>
17:00–17:15	Flash poster presentations <i>Epidemiology & surveillance</i>
18:30–19:30	Cocktail
19:30–21:30	Dinner

Day 3 — Friday, 25 September 2026

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SESSION 7 — PREVENTION & CONTROL	
09:00–09:30	KEYNOTE LECTURE Swine influenza vaccines <i>Enric Mateu</i>
09:30–10:15	7.1 RNA particle vaccines encoding influenza A virus hemagglutinin or neuraminidase: safety and efficacy in pigs <i>Susan Knetter</i> 7.2 Detection rates and vaccination strategies in Danish sow herds 2020–2025 <i>Charlotte Sonne Kristensen</i> 7.3 Biosecurity measures for optimised management & control of swine influenza in pig herds <i>Paula Rebollo-Igual</i>
10:15–10:45	Coffee break & poster viewing
10:45–11:15	7.4 Perception of swine influenza A risk for animal and human health and role of vaccination among stakeholders in the pig industry: a qualitative study in Brittany, France <i>Séverine Thys</i> 7.5 Understanding Serbian pig farmers' perceptions for effective swine influenza prevention and control <i>Jasna Prodanov-Radulović</i>
11:15–11:30	Flash poster presentations <i>Prevention & control</i>
11:30–12:00	Closing ceremony <i>Summary & key messages; announcement of the 2nd Symposium</i> <i>Gwenaëlle Dauphin</i>

End of the Symposium

About the symposium

The 1st International Symposium on Swine Influenza brings together researchers, veterinarians, policy makers and stakeholders from across Europe and beyond to share the latest scientific findings on swine influenza and to explore how research can inform practical decision-making and effective policies.

Day 1 (Wednesday 23 September) is dedicated to the Final Meeting of the European Swine Influenza Network (ESFLU), presenting the results of four years of collaborative work across more than 30 countries, and closes with a roundtable bringing science and policy together. Days 2 and 3 (Thursday–Friday, 24–25 September) form the open scientific symposium, with invited keynote lectures, selected oral presentations and poster sessions.

All sessions are plenary (single track). Oral presentations are allocated 15 minutes (12 minutes presentation + 3 minutes discussion). Posters are displayed throughout the symposium, with selected posters featured in flash presentation sessions.

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