

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

European Swine Influenza Network (ESFLU) Final Meeting & Stakeholders' Roundtable,

Moderator — Zrinka Grancarić

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>
SPONSOR PRESENTATIONS	
12:40–12:50	Gold sponsor — Ceva Santé Animale
12:50–13:00	Gold sponsor — Inel Medicinska Tehnika
13:00–13:05	Silver sponsor — Noack
13:05–14:00	Lunch
SESSION 3 — VACCINATION, PERCEPTION & ZONOTIC RISK	
14:00–14:25	Vaccines and vaccination <i>Claire Hautefeuille</i>
14:25–14:50	Disease and vaccination perception <i>Lucía Dieste Pérez</i>
14:50–15:15	Zoonotic risk <i>Lars E. Larsen</i>
15:15–15:45	Coffee break

STAKEHOLDERS' ROUNDTABLE — POLICY & FUTURE STRATEGY

15:45–16:45

Panel discussion with policy makers & stakeholders

Facilitator: Gwenaëlle Dauphin (ESFLU)

Panelists:

Andreas Birch (Ø-Vet, Denmark)

Angeliki Melidou (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control)

Helen Everett (Animal and Plant Health Agency, United Kingdom)

Gregorio Torres (World Organisation for Animal Health)

Themes: future of swine influenza prevention and control in Europe, addressing surveillance, policy development, One Health collaboration, and the translation of scientific evidence into practice

16:45–17:15

Closure of the day

Gwenaëlle Dauphin

20:00–22:00

Dinner

Day 2 — Thursday, 24 September 2026

Scientific Symposium — Day 1 of 2

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	
Moderator: Dimitrios Papadopoulos	
10:00–11:00	Moderator: 4.1 Pre-pandemic characterisation of swine influenza viruses: a WHO Collaborating Centre perspective <i>Alexander M. P. Byrne</i> 4.2 Evaluating Vaccination Strategies Against Antigenically Drifting Swine Influenza A Virus in Farrow-to-Finish Herds: An Agent-Based Modeling Study <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	
Moderator: Eveliina Breukers	
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 P1 Optimizing swine influenza A virus sampling for herd-level surveillance and strain characterization — <i>Julia Stadler</i> P2 Swine influenza A virus surveillance in Slovenian pig farms using non-invasive environmental and air sampling approaches — <i>Marina Štukelj</i> P3 Beyond the matrix: diagnostic genomics for influenza A virus detection in pigs — <i>Sander Boden</i> P4 An end-to-end pipeline for assembly, genotyping and surveillance of swine influenza — <i>Casper Thorup</i> P5 Evolutionary dynamics of swIAV quasispecies during a scheduled monitoring of respiratory pathogens in Spanish pig farms — <i>Ivan Domingo-Carreño</i>
12:45–13:45	Lunch & poster session

SESSION 6 — EPIDEMIOLOGY & SURVEILLANCE

Moderator: *Gavrila Amadea Puspitarani*

13:45–14:05	KEYNOTE LECTURE European swine influenza situation <i>Pia Ryt-Hansen</i>
14:05–14:25	KEYNOTE LECTURE Situation in the Americas <i>Martha Nelson</i>
14:25–14:45	KEYNOTE LECTURE Situation in Asia <i>Tommy Lam</i>
14:45–15:15	Coffee break & poster viewing
15:15–16:45	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>
16:45–17:00	FLASH POSTER PRESENTATIONS P6 Multisectorial surveillance reveals genetic diversity and potential reverse zoonotic transmission of swine influenza A viruses in Austria — <i>Elena Lucia Sassu</i> P7 Unusual rise of H1N1pdm09 swine influenza virus in France: insights from the Ceva virological surveillance network (2019–2026) — <i>Eduardo Velazquez</i> P8 Genetic characterization of swine influenza viruses, including a reassortant strain, in Finland, 2014–2025 — <i>A. Kauppinen</i> P9 Serological screening and preliminary subtyping of swine influenza in Croatian wild boars (2024–2025) — <i>Andreja Jungić</i>
20:00–23:30	Dinner

Day 3 — Friday, 25 September 2026

Scientific Symposium — Day 2 of 2

SESSION 7 — PREVENTION & CONTROL	
Moderator: Katarzyna Podgórska	
09:00–09:30	KEYNOTE LECTURE Swine influenza vaccines: pipeline, immunity & current products <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, Alessia Rusina</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 P10 Field evaluation of piglet performance following vaccination of the breeding herd against pandemic swIAV — <i>Veronika Vladimirova</i> P11 Transmission events of swine- and human-origin influenza A virus in turkeys (Meleagris gallopavo) — <i>Lara Cavicchio</i> P12 Virological background of swine IAV-positive pigs in Switzerland: preliminary evidence of PPIV1, SOV and PHEV — <i>Ada Mescoli</i> P13 Pandemic risk of European swine influenza viruses: replicative fitness in a human model — <i>Abi Lofts</i> P14 Towards a harmonized assessment of the economic impact of swine influenza A virus in Europe — <i>Jelena Maletićs</i>
11:30–12:00	Closing ceremony <i>Summary & key messages; Gwenaëlle Dauphin</i>

End of the Symposium

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