



# Junior Group Workshop of the European Society for Virology: Imaging Viruses 2026

April 9th-10th, 2026

## Venue

Centro de Biología Molecular Severo Ochoa (CBM, CSIC-UAM)  
Calle Nicolás Cabrera, 1, Fuencarral-El Pardo, 28049 Madrid  
<https://www.cbm.uam.es/>

**Train:** Cantoblanco Universidad station of Cercanías RENFE

**Bus:** Lines 714, 827, 827A, and 828

**Taxi/ Car:** From Madrid take the M607, from Alcobendas take the M616

**Accommodation recommendation:** Nearby the Chamartin train station

The meeting targets early-career scientists, ranging from PhD students to newly established principal investigators. We want to provide early-career virologists within the European Society of Virology a platform to connect and establish collaborations with researchers around Europe and thereby support in their pursuit of independence. The event will cover various aspects of imaging including functional live cell imaging, spatial transcriptomics, chromatin imaging, models for imaging neurotrophic viruses and a skill sharing workshop.

## Keynote speakers

**Dr. Huib Rabouw** (Hubrecht Institute, Netherlands)

**Dr. Álvaro Castells** (IMDEA Nanociencia, Spain)

**Dr. Francesco Andreatta** (Vita-Salute San Raffaele, University of Milan, Italy)

**Dr. Miguel Hernández-González** (The Francis Crick Institute, UK)

**Dr. Jean-Pierre LeVraud** (The Paris-Saclay Institute of Neuroscience, France)

## Workshop price:

- €130 (VAT included)

Includes scientific program, coffee breaks, lunch breaks, and conference dinner.

Registration will be opened the **20<sup>th</sup> of January** and will be open until the **20<sup>th</sup> of February**

**Please note that the number of participants is limited**



# Meeting Programme

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2026

10.00-10.45 Registration and lunch

10.45-11.00 Carlos Gallego, Esther González Almela and Joseph Mcgrail Gámiz  
Welcome and info

## Session I: Functional Live cell imaging

Chairs: Dörte Stalling (Center for Structural Systems Biology, Hamburg, Germany)  
Visa Ruokolainen (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)

11.00-11.30 Dr. Huib Rabouw (Hubrecht Institute, Netherlands)  
11.30-12.30 Presentations and discussion (12 + 3 min presentation)

12.30-13.30 Poster Session (1)  
13.30-14.30 Lunch

## Session II: Integrative spatial and chromatin imaging

Chairs: Valeria Fumagalli (Vita-Salute San Raffaele, University of Milan, Italy)  
Esther González Almela (National Center of Biotechnology (CNB-CSIC), Madrid, Spain)

14.30-15.00 Dr. Álvaro Castells (IMDEA Nanociencia, Spain)  
15.00-15.30 Dr. Francesco Andreatta (Vita-Salute San Raffaele, University of Milan, Italy)  
15.30-16.30 Presentations and discussion (12 + 3 min presentation)

16.30-17.30 Sponsor sessions

20.00- Conference dinner

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## Session III: Skillshare workshop

Chairs: Carlos Gallego (Centro de Biología Molecular Severo Ochoa (CBM, CSIC-UAM), Madrid, Spain)  
Joseph Mcgrail Gámiz (Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain)

09.00-09.30 Dr. Miguel Hernández-González (The Pirbright Institute, UK)  
09:30-10.30 Presentations and discussion (12 + 3 min presentation)

10.30-12.00 Coffee break + Poster Session (2)

## Session IV: Imaging Neurotropic Viruses

Chairs: Elena Criscuolo (Vita-Salute San Raffaele, University of Milan, Italy)  
Salla Mattola (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)

12.00-12.30 Dr. Jean-Pierre Levrud (The Paris-Saclay Institute of Neuroscience, France)  
12.30-13.30 Presentations and discussion (12 + 3 min presentation)

13.30-14.00 Discussion and concluding remarks

14.00- Lunch and the end of the meeting