

Wednesday, September 6

- 17:00 Registration
 18:30 Welcome
 18:45 **Keynote lecture.** Prof. Edgardo Moreno, National University (Costa Rica) **“Role of elements of the innate immune system during *Brucella* infections”**

Thursday, September 7

- 9:00 **Keynote lecture.** Prof. Ignacio Moriyon, Dr. Raquel Conde, Prof. Maite Iriarte & Dr. Amaia Zuñiga, University of Navarra (Spain) **“*Brucella* envelope and metabolism, our life with Jean-Jacques”**

Session 1. *Brucella* strains: diagnosis, vaccines and genomics

- 9:45 Prof. Sascha Al-Dahouk, Federal Institute for Risk Assessment (Germany) **“Let's talk about brucellosis – not borreliosis!”**
 10:10 Prof. Emeritus José Maria Blasco, Agrifood Research and Technology Centre of Aragon (Spain) **“Animal Brucellosis as a worldwide problem”**
 10:35 Dr. David O’Callaghan, University of Montpellier (France) “[title to be confirmed]”
 11:00 *Coffee break*

Session 2. Infection models

- 11:30 Prof. Jacques Godfroid, University of Tromsø (Norway) **“*Brucella* infection in hooded seals (*Cystophora cristata*): what’s on the seal’s menu?”**
 11:55 Prof. Maria Jesus Grillo, Spanish National Research Council (Spain) “[title to be confirmed]”
 12:20 Prof. Eric Muraille, ULB (Belgium) **“What have we learned from brucellosis using the experimental mouse model”**
 12:45 *Lunch*

Session 3. Hijacking of host cells by *Brucella*

- 14:15 Prof. Diego Comerci, National University of San Martin (Argentina) **“*Brucella* metabolism in the intracellular stage: the SerB case”**
 14:40 Dr. Suzana Salcedo, University of Lyon (France) **“Mission impossible: studying *Brucella* nuclear effectors”**
 15:05 Prof. R. Marty Roop II, East Carolina University (USA) **“Two new players in Mn homeostasis in *Brucella*”**
 15:30 *Coffee break*
 16:00 Prof. Renée Tsohis, University of California, Davis (USA) **“*Brucella* T4SS: a transmission factor?”**
 16:25 Prof. Jean-Pierre Gorvel, Centre d’Immunologie de Marseille-Luminy (France) **“Is *Brucella* at the center of the Universe?”**
 16:50 Prof. Jean Celli, Washington State University (USA) **“*Brucella* T4SS-mediated modulation of host secretory traffic: why?”**

Friday, September 8

Session 4. *Brucella* adaptation in host

- 9:00 Prof. Jean-Jacques Letesson, UNamur (Belgium) **“The answer will always be: «It’s the metabolism..... Stupid!»”**
 9:25 Prof. Clayton Caswell, Virginia Tech (USA) **“RNA-mediated gene regulation in *Brucella*”**
 9:50 Dr. Caterina Guzman Verri, National University (Costa Rica) **“*Brucella* networking, close and closer interactions”**
 10:15 *Coffee break*
 10:45 Prof. Sean Crosson, University of Chicago (USA) **“Sensory transduction pathways in *Brucella abortus*”**
 11:10 Prof. Stephan Kohler, University of Montpellier (France) **“*Brucella*: How to be Zen in a stressful world”**
 11:35 Concluding remarks: Prof. Jean-Jacques Letesson
 12:00 *Lunch*