

SCOTTISH MICROBIOLOGY
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SCOTTISH MICROBIOLOGY ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING 2026

Friday 8th May & Saturday 9th May 2026

Peebles Hydro

Innerleithen Road, Peebles EH45 8LX

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Final Programme

Friday 8th May 2026

15.00	Check-in / Arrival	
17.00 –20:00	Exhibition & Refreshments	
20:00	Dinner	

Saturday 9th May 2026

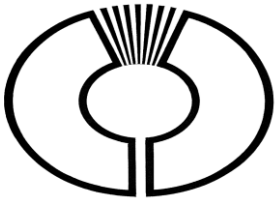
<i>Chair</i>	<i>Linda Mulhern</i>	
09.00 –09.10	Welcome	Linda Mulhern, SMA President
09.10 –09.50	Can planting for bee health improve honeybees resilience to Nosema?	Lorraine Johnston SRUC
09.50 –10.30	One Health in the context of Infectious Diseases	Christina Naula University of Glasgow

10.30 – 12.00 Coffee, Exhibition and Check Out

<i>Chair</i>	<i>Isla Abel</i>	
12.00-12.15	Short Paper: Clinical and microbiological characterisation of Meningococcal eye infections in Scotland: a retrospective national study, 2000-2025	Lauren McStocker NHS Ayrshire & Arran
12.15–12.45	Diagnostic innovations in Urinary Tract Infection	Michael Murphy NHS GG&C
12.45–13.15	Innovations in Antimicrobial susceptibility testing using a novel testing platform.	Stuart Reid NHS Tayside

13.15 – 14.00 Buffet Lunch

<i>Chair</i>	<i>Geoff Foster</i>	
14.00–14.35	Microbiota and Parkinson's disease: lessons from a <i>C. elegans</i> - <i>B. subtilis</i> host-microbe model	Maria Doitsidou University of Edinburgh
14.35–15.10	VRE – chromogens to control measures	Simon Pybus NHS Golden Jubilee
15.10-15.45	Scottish <i>E. coli</i> Reference Laboratory: Enhancing STEC Diagnostics, Case Management and Outbreak Detection	Luke Tysall NHS Lothian
15.45	Raffle draw for free attendance at next meeting, Free Paper Prize Giving, Wrap-up & Depart	



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