

SCOTTISH MICROBIOLOGY
ASSOCIATION

SCOTTISH MICROBIOLOGY ASSOCIATION AUTUMN MEETING 2026

Friday 30th & Saturday 31st October 2026

MacDonald Resort Hotel,
Aviemore, PH22 1PN

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Final Programme

Friday 30th October 2026

Welcome & Exhibition		
16.00	Arrival & Check in	
17.00– 20.00	Refreshments and Exhibition	
20.00	Dinner	

Saturday 31st October 2026

09.00 – 09.05	Welcome	Linda Mulhern, SMA president
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Session Chair: Linda Mulhern

09.05 –09.45	Mining the Bovine Gut Microbiome for Inhibitors of STEC	Rebecca McHugh Glasgow University
09.45 –10.25	Who let the Streps out?	Andrew Smith SMiRL Glasgow

10.25 –12.00 Exhibition, Coffee and Check Out* (* by 11.00 or late checkout fee applied)

12.00 –12.30	SMA Annual General Meeting (Session chair; Linda Mulhern SMA President)
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Session Chair: Dr Nidia del C Leavy

Free paper session

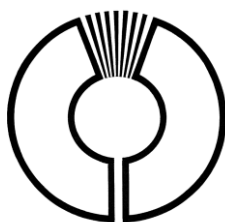
12.30-12.45	Animals, HeLa and HFF – The Highs and Lows of Toxoplasma Culture	Leanne Williams
12.45-13.00	Cancelled	

13.00-13.45 **Lunch & Exhibition**

Session Chair: TBC

13.45 –14.20	Airborne (inhaled-to-infect) – how IPC got it wrong and have kept it wrong...	Evonne T Curran
14.20 –14.55	The ups and downs of pertussis in the UK	David Litt UKHSA Vaccine Preventable Bacteria Section
14.55–15.30	Our collective microbiological assets in Scotland	Nicola Holden SRUC

15.30 Raffle draw for free attendance at next meeting, Free Paper Prize Giving, Wrap-up & Depart



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BioConnections

bioMérieux

Bruker UK

Calibre Scientific (SciQuip)

Cepheid

Chirus Limited

E&O Laboratories

Eumedica Pharma Ltd

Eurobio Scientific UK

MWE

Oxoid Remel Microbiology

QIAGEN Ltd

R-Biopharm Rhone Ltd

Randox Laboratories

Serosep

Waters Advanced Diagnostics (formerly BD Diagnostic Solutions)