



Preliminary programme

Tuesday, 8 September 2026	
12:00 – 18:00	Registration
Opening Keynote Lecture Session Chair: Amparo Querol, IATA-CSIC, Spain	
15:00 – 15:45	Joseph Schacherer , University of Strasbourg, France
Session 1: Unlocking the secrets of fungal physiology and metabolism Chairs: Paloma Manzanares, IATA-CSIC, Spain; Ronald de Vries, Utrecht University, the Netherlands	
16:00 – 16:30	Ronald de Vries , Utrecht University, the Netherlands
16:30 – 17:00	Pascale Daran-Lapujade , TU Delf, the Netherlands
17:00 – 18:00	Short talks selected from submitted abstracts
18:30	Opening reception

Wednesday, 9 September 2026	
Session 2: Adapting to survive: Inside the evolutionary strategies of fungi Chairs: Eladio Barrio, Universitat de València, Spain; John Morrissey, University College Cork, Ireland	
9:00 – 9:30	John Morrissey , University College Cork, Ireland
9:30 – 10:00	Invited speaker TBD
10:00 – 11:00	Short talks selected from submitted abstracts
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break and poster viewing

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Session 3: Pathogenic strategies and resistance mechanisms in fungi

Chairs: Sergi Puig, IATA-CSIC, Spain; **Patrick van Dijck**, KU Leuven, Belgium

11:30 – 12:00	Patrick van Dijck , KU Leuven, Belgium
12:00 – 12:30	Emilia Mellado , Laboratorio de Referencia e Investigación en Micología, Centro Nacional de Microbiología e Instituto de Salud Carlos III, Spain
12:30 – 13:30	Short talks selected from submitted abstracts
13:30 – 15:00	<i>Lunch and poster viewing</i>

Session 4: Advances in synthetic biology and innovative technologies for yeasts and filamentous fungi

Chairs: José M. Guillamón, IATA-CSIC, Spain; **Rodrigo Ledesma-Amaro**, Imperial College London, UK

15:00 – 15:30	Rodrigo Ledesma-Amaro , Imperial College London, UK
15:30 – 16:00	Uffe Mortensen , Technical University of Denmark, Denmark
16:00 – 17:00	Short talks selected from submitted abstracts
17:00 – 18:30	Poster session 1
19:00	<i>Sightseeing tour</i>

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Session 5: Exploring fermentation as a driver of innovation in food and beverages

Chairs: Elia Tomás-Pejó, IMDEA, Spain; Carole Camarasa, Université de Montpellier-INRAE, France

9:00 – 9:30	Carole Camarasa , Université de Montpellier-INRAE, France
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9:30 – 10:00	Invited speaker TBD
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10:00 – 11:00	Short talks selected from submitted abstracts
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11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
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Session 6: Engineering yeasts and filamentous fungi as cell factories

Chairs: Pau Ferrer, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain; Paola Branduardi, University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy

11:30 – 12:00	Paola Branduardi , University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy
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12:00 – 12:30	Invited speaker TBD
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12:30 – 13:30	Short talks selected from submitted abstracts
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13:30 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>
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Session 7: Fungal contributions to the advancement of the bioeconomy

Chairs: José F. Marcos, IATA-CSIC, Spain; Vera Meyer, Technische Universität Berlin, Germany

15:00 – 15:30	Vera Meyer , Technische Universität Berlin, Germany
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15:30 – 16:00	Verena Siewers , Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden
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16:00 – 17:00	Short talks selected from submitted abstracts
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17:00 – 18:30	Poster session 2
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20:00	<i>Conference Gala Dinner</i>
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Session 8: Harnessing artificial intelligence and data science in fungal biotechnology

Chairs: Ignacio Belda, Universidad Complutense Madrid, Spain; Eva Balsa-Canto, Instituto de Investigaciones Marinas-CSIC, Spain

9:00 – 9:30	Eva Balsa-Canto , Instituto de Investigaciones Marinas-CSIC, Spain
9:30 – 10:00	Invited speaker TBD
10:00 – 11:00	Short talks selected from submitted abstracts
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>

Closing Keynote Lecture

Session Chair: Amparo Querol, IATA-CSIC, Spain

11:30 – 12:15	Antonio Di Pietro , Universidad de Córdoba, Spain
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