



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

April 9th-10th, 2026

Venue

The Center for Molecular Biology Severo Ochoa ([CBMSO-CSIC](#))
Calle Nicolás Cabrera, 1, Fuencarral-El Pardo, 28049 Madrid

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 [here](#)

From the 20th of January until the 20th of February



Please note that the number of participants is limited



Meeting Programme

Thursday 9th of April 2026

10.00-10.45 Registration

10.45-11.00 Welcome and info

Carlos Gallego, Esther González Almela and Joseph McGrail Gámiz

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 Andreata** (Vita-Salute San Raffaele, University of Milan, Italy)

15.45-16.45 Presentations and discussion (12 + 3 min presentation)

Abbelight session – Jason Otterstrom

20.00 Conference dinner

Friday 10th of April 2026

Session III: Skillshare workshop

Chairs: Carlos Gallego (The Center for Molecular Biology Severo Ochoa, 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 Levraud** (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