

**Programme for the
ERC Synergy-Plague meeting in Oslo
Wednesday 3 – Friday 5 June 2026**

Kristine Bonnevie's hus, Blindernveien 31, Blindern, Oslo
(Entrance from Moltke Moes vei)
Meeting room Nucleus, Bikuben (unless otherwise indicated)

Wednesday 3 June

09.00–09.10 Coffee (10 minutes)

09.10–09.25 Nils Chr. Stenseth – Welcome (15 minutes)

09.25–09.35 Round-table introductions (10 minutes)

09.35–09.55 PI presentation of the “Oslo team” by Nils Chr. Stenseth, University of Oslo
(15–20 minutes)

09.55–10.20 Simon Plakolb (20–25 minutes)

10.20–10.45 Bornali Das (20–25 minutes)

10.45–11.10 Jason D. Whittington (20–25 minutes)

11.10–11.30 Break (20 minutes)

11.30–11.55 Maria Muller-Theissen (20–25 minutes)

11.55–12.20 Bin Sun (20–25 minutes)

12.20–12.45 Einar Wigen (based at UiO, part of Slavin's team) (20–25 minutes)

12.45–13.10 Carlo Trombino (based at UiO, part of Slavin's team) (20–25 minutes)

13.10–14.10 Lunch (1 hour)

14.10–14.40 Discussion and questions for the previous speakers (30 minutes)

14.40–15.00 PI presentation of the “Stirling team” by Phil Slavin, University of Stirling
(15–20 minutes)

15.00–15.25 Sam Cohn (20–25 minutes)

15.25–15.50 Samvel Grigoryan (via Zoom) (20–25 minutes)

15.50–16.20 Discussion and questions for the previous speakers (30 minutes)

16.20–16.50 Break (30 minutes)

16.50–17.30 Discussion: Planning how groups, PhDs, and postdocs can work synergistically (Session I/IV on this topic) (40 minutes)

Thursday 4 June

09.00–09.10 Coffee (10 minutes)

09.10–09.30 PI presentation of the “Lille team” by Florent Sebbane, Inserm (15–20 minutes)

09.30–09.55 El Hadji Ibrahima Ndiaye (20–25 minutes)

09.55–10.20 Alexandre Bantz (20–25 minutes)

10.20–10.45 Michel Ongoundou-Ekoume (20–25 minutes)

10.45–11.10 Rémi Tuffet (20–25 minutes)

11.10–11.50 Discussion and questions for the previous speakers (40 minutes)

[11.50–11.55 Moving between meeting rooms due to Department Seminar in Nucleus (5 minutes)]

11.55–12.15 Break (20 minutes)

12.15–13.10 Group work ERC report (55 minutes). Venue: 3215 Greenhouse and other rooms close by.

13.10–14.05 Lunch (55 minutes). Venue: 3215 Greenhouse

[14.05–14.10 Moving back to the Nucleus (5 minutes)]

14.10–14.30 PI presentation of the “Cambridge team” by Ulf Büntgen, University of Cambridge (15–20 minutes)

14.30–14.55 Meike Wanjek (20–25 minutes)

14.55–15.20 Michael Kempf (20–25 minutes)

15.20–16.00 Discussion and questions for the previous speakers (40 minutes)

16.00–16.10 Group photo. Outside. (10 minutes)

16.10–16.30 Break (20 minutes)

16.30–17.10 Discussion: Planning how groups, PhDs, and postdocs can work synergistically (Session II/IV on this topic) (40 minutes)

17.10–18.00 For selected participants only – How to finalise the ERC report (50 minutes) (Stenseth, Slavin, Sebbane, Büntgen, Wigen, Cohn and Mooney)

19.00– Dinner at restaurant Park 29 (address: Parkveien 29, link: <https://www.park29.no/>)

Friday 5 June

09.00–09.10 Coffee (10 minutes)

09.10–09.30 Planning the day (20 minutes)

09.30–10.30 Discussion: Planning how groups, PhDs, and postdocs can work synergistically (Session III/IV on this topic) (1 hour)

10.30–11.00 Break (30 minutes)

11.00–12.00 Discussion: Planning how groups, PhDs, and postdocs can work synergistically (Session IV/IV on this topic) (1 hour)

12.00–13.00 Lunch (1 hour)

13.00–14.00 Discussion: Developing and Facilitating Synergies (1 hour)

14.00–14.30 Break (30 minutes)

14.30–15.00 Open for spontaneous interaction; if necessary continued after the closing by those staying in Oslo (30 minutes)

15.00–15.30 All – Closing (30 minutes)