

# Parasitic Helminths: New Perspectives in Biology and Infection



**Hydra, Greece 7 - 12 September 2025**

The study of helminth parasites continues to generate exciting new developments across a range of scientific themes, extending our knowledge of intricate host-parasite molecular interactions and crossing disciplinary boundaries. The in-person discussion meetings in the *Parasitic Helminths: New Perspectives in Biology and Infection* series are the leading annual event in the field, and, we now invite applications for the 2025 conference on the beautiful island of Hydra, Greece.

All major helminth research areas are covered, from genomics of parasitic nematodes, interfaces with free-living helminths such as *C. elegans* and planarians, developmental and molecular biology, genetics, neurobiology, immunology and vaccine research, all aimed at new strategies for control of these prevalent parasites and the diseases they cause. We also organise thematic *Mini-Symposia*, which this year includes leading speakers on new advances in plant parasitic nematode research.

## Keynote Speaker

**Alison Elliott, UVRI, Uganda**

**Confirmed Speakers include :**

**Yen-Ping Hsueh, Tübingen DE**

**Christoph Klose, Berlin DE**

**Jonathan Marchant, Wisconsin USA**

**Aaron Maule, Belfast UK**

**Elia Tait Wojno, U Washington USA**

## Special Mini-Symposium

**Plant-Parasitic Nematodes**

**Organisers:**

**Lida Derevnina, Cambridge UK**

**Unnati Sonawala, Cambridge UK**

**Confirmed Speakers include :**

**Etienne Danchin, ISA, INRAE, FR**

**Shahid Siddique, UC Davis USA**

## Conference Venue:

**Hotel Bratsera, Hydra, Greece**  
[bratserahotel.com](http://bratserahotel.com)

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**Register Online from**  
**3 February until 14 March 2025**  
at <https://helminthconference.org>

The Bratsera Hotel hosts the scientific sessions, and the traffic-free town has ample facilities for informal interactions between delegates. A range of accommodation is available close by, including pensions for those on a tight budget. Attendance is limited to 100 people, consistent with a discussion-orientated meeting in which every delegate is an active participant - early registration is encouraged!

## Organising Committee:

Amy Buck, University of Edinburgh

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