

# 1st Annual Conference on Chronic Infection Pathologies

Theme: SHOW ME THE DATA

Location: Jyväskylä, Finland

Dates: September 5–7, 2025

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## Preliminary Program Overview

### Day 1 – September 5, 2025

- Opening Session
  - Welcome Address
- Session Theme: Big Data & Patient Perspective
  - "Chronic Infection Pathology: Can a Virus Cause Autoimmunity?" Dr. Stanley Naides
  - "Data Down Under: Unpacking Australia's Tick-Borne Disease Story (Australia)" – Sharon Whiteman and Jacqui van Teulingen
  - "Lyme Disease: A Survey of Patient Experiences from UK and Ireland" – Liz Murray
  - "Revealing Canada's Hidden Epidemic through a National Patient Survey" – Don Graham
  - "The Silent Epidemic: Data-Driven Approaches to Diagnosing Chronic Tick-Borne Infections (Mexico)" – Dr. Jose Flores
  - "Revisiting the Lyme Narrative: AI Exposes Fault Lines in Chronic Infection Debates" – Dr. Teo Susnjak
  - "Why is working with patient-experts essential in complex clinical situations? (France)" – Christèle Dumas-Gonnet
- Interactive Session
  - Think Tank Discussion – Facilitated by Dr. Leona Gilbert, Dominic Smith, and Dr. Gordana Avramovic
- Evening Event
  - Boat Ride to Sauna + Dinner

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### Day 2 – September 6, 2025

- Opening Session
- Session Theme: Chronic Pathology
  - "Long Covid, Long Lyme: Similarities and Differences – Experience from a Tertiary Care Teaching Hospital (Dublin, Ireland)" – Dr. Jack Lambert
  - "Dynamics of Borrelia and Bartonella Coinfection and Evidence of Tick-Transmitted Bartonella henselae" – Dr. Rebekah Bullard
  - "Diagnostics of Lyme Borreliosis, Bartonellosis and Epstein-Barr Virus Infection in Patients with Lymphadenopathy, Residents of Ternopil Region (Western Ukraine)" – Dr. Maria Shkilna

- "Focal diseases of the jaw - an interdisciplinary medical challenge"- Dr. Herbert Rixecker
- "ME/CFS in Children, recent history and failings of doctors"- Dr Arthur Nigel Podmore Speight
- "Clustering and Outcome Prediction in Irish Lyme Disease Cohort: A Longitudinal Study Integrating Questionnaires and Lab Tests" – Kunal Garg
- "False Reassurance: Relapse of Severe Babesia Infection in a Patient on Rituximab: A Case Report" - Ms. Rhea Bohra
- Afternoon Session
  - "Partner Patients: A Model for Supporting Individuals with Chronic Infections" - Ms. Laura Arnal
  - "Evidence of the existence of human cases of Lyme Disease both indigenous and non-indigenous in Argentina" - Dr. Monica Carugatti
  - "Experimental Feline Bartonellosis" - Dr. Emily Olsen
  - "Understanding Neuropsychiatric and Neurological Complexities in Lyme Disease and Co-Infections: Insights from a Case Series" -Dr. Aylin. Ozdemir
  - "From Data to Diagnosis: Empowering Primary Care Through Quality Assurance in Chronic Infectious Diseases" -Dr. Sofia Gonzalez
  - "Unraveling the Immunopathology of Infection-Associated Chronic Illnesses: Sex Differences and Predictive Diagnostics" -Dr. Michal Tal
  - "Evaluation of a Lyme first-tier index value to improve the diagnostic utility of Lyme serological testing" -Dr. Elizabeth Lee-Lewandrowski
- Evening Event
  - Evening at Alvar Aalto Museum

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## Day 3 – September 7, 2025

- Opening Session
    - Welcome –
  - Session Theme: Innovative Treatment
    - "Lyme Disease, Tests and Treatment: A Review of the Controversy on the Ineffectiveness of Biological Tests and Proof of the Existence of a Chronic Form" -Dr. Christian Perrone
    - "2Lyme, Post Covid/Post Vac and other chronical infections ...how to handle it?" -Dr. Sigrid Blehle
    - "Machine learning support for the assessment of vector borne diseases treatment." -Dr. Marc Shawky and Teresa Ciavattini
    - "Integrative Treatment Approaches for Polymicrobial Tick-Borne Infections: A Case Report" -Dr. Lynn Klassen and Dr. Carolyn Mukai
    - "Immunity and Pathology of Chronic Lyme Disease: A Synthesis of Mechanisms and Clinical Challenges" -Dr. Marc Michael Bransten
    - Networking
    - "Treating Chronic Lyme using unique herbal combination and homeopathic Thimersol! -Dr. Jason Bachewich
    - "Global Tick-Borne Disease (TBD) Observatory: A Citizen Science and Big Data Initiative" -Dr. Leona Gilbert
    - Closing Remarks
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