

# A Dutch Perspective on Mycobacterial Infections

## Symposium World TB Day - 24 March 2025 - Leiden

Leiden University Faculty of Science – Einsteinweg 55 - Gorlaeus Building - Room CM.1.26  
<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/locations/gorlaeus-building>  
parking for visitors: Ehrenfestweg 1

**09:30 - 10:00** Arrival with coffee and tea

**10:00 - 10:15** Welcome - organizers

**10:15 - 11:15** **Session 1: Host-pathogen interactions**

Chair: Annemarie Meijer (IBL)

Speakers: Edith Houben (VU)  
Nicole van der Wel (AMC)  
Robin van den Biggelaar (LUMC)

**11:15 - 11:45** Flash talks

**11:45 - 13:15** Lunch and posters

**13:15 - 14:15** **Session 2: Development of drugs, nanomedicines and vaccines**

Chair: Matthias Barz (LACDR)

Speakers: Rob Aarnoutse (RadboudUMC)  
Matthias Barz (LACDR)  
Frank Verreck (BPRC)

**14:15 - 15:15** **Session 3: Clinical research and diagnostics**

Chair: Simone Joosten (LUMC)

Speakers: Arjen van Laarhoven (RadboudUMC)  
Onno Akkerman (UMCG)  
Annemieke Geluk (LUMC)

**15:15 - 15:45** Coffee and tea break

**15:45 - 16:15** Keynote lecture – David Russell (Cornell University)

**16:15 - 17:15** **Session 4: Societal impact**

Chair: Tom Ottenhoff (LUMC)

Speakers: Frank Cobelens (AMC)  
Richard Anthony (RIVM)  
Paulina Siniatkina (TB Ambassador KNCV)

**17:15 - 17:30** Closing words - organizers

**17:30 - 18:30** Drinks



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