



**GIHSN Annual Meeting 2026**  
**17-19 June 2026 - Château de Crécy-la-Chapelle**  
77580 Crécy-la-Chapelle, Paris, France

**Agenda**

**Wednesday 17 June: Welcome Cocktail 7pm**

**Thursday 18 June**

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**9:00: Opening of the Meeting. GIHSN Strategy & Perspectives** - Cedric Mahé (Foundation for Influenza Epidemiology) + Q/A 20'

**9:20: Roundtable – Current Surveillance Ecosystem:** Wenqing Zhang (WHO), Joseph Bresee (US Task Force for Global Health), Nicola Lewis (Crick WHO CC), Rick Bright (Bright Global Health), Marc Rondy (PAHO), Peter Bogner (GISAID) - 30' + 10'

**10:00: GIHSN Data report 2025-26: Presentation & Discussion** - Catherine Commaille-Chapus (Impact Healthcare) - 20' + 10'

**10:30 COFFEE BREAK** 20'

**10:50: GIHSN Sites Achievements & Challenges** - Moderated by Laurence Torcel-Pagnon (Foundation for Influenza Epidemiology) & Catherine Commaille-Chapus - 90'  
- 3-5' per site standing up / 1 slide (2 sentences and 1-2 pictures per site)

**12:20: GIHSN Sites interface with national systems:** presentation of the survey - Catherine Commaille-Chapus + Q/A 10' + 20'

**13:00: LUNCH BREAK** 90'

**14:30: GIHSN European Pilot: monitoring the drivers of vaccine protection**

Presentation - Mendel Haag (Seqirus) 15'

*Roundtable:* Marco Cavaleri (EMA) (remote), Marc-Alain Widdowson (WHO Euro), Bruno Lina (Lyon University and NIC), Jonathan Ewbank (ERINHA and Be READY), Laurane De Mot (Sciensano, Belgium) 30' + 10'

**15:25: Leveraging AI to better predict Influenza Epidemiology Evolution**

Presentation - Joël Belafa (Biolevate) 10'

*Roundtable:* John McCauley (Foundation ISC), Bruno Lina, Wenqing Zhang, Sebastian Maurer-Stroh (GISAID) 30' + 10'



16:15 COFFEE BREAK 20'

16:35: **WORKSHOP 1: Combination of virus genome sequencing & clinical data**

Breakout groups (split the attendance in 3 pre-defined groups - 40'), then sharing in Plenary (30') *Moderators of groups*: Laurence Josset (NIC Lyon), Aspen Hammond (WHO), Sebastian Maurer-Stroh

17:45: **Closing Day 1**

**Free time**

**Drinks & Diner 7pm**

**Friday 19 June - AM**

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## **PLENARY SESSION**

9:00: **Building shared urgency and unity in the fight against influenza and beyond** - Wenqing Zhang - 20'

9:20: **Vision of Respiratory Surveillance in the Post-pandemic era** – Rick Bright 30'+10'

10:00: **WORKSHOP 2: Guiding principles for sites genome sequencing sampling/ Implementation & timelines**. Breakout groups (split the attendance in 3 pre-defined groups – 40'), then sharing in Plenary (30') - *Moderators of groups*: Dmitriy Pereyaslov (WHO), Marta Nunes (CERP), John McCauley

10:40: **COFFEE BREAK** 20'

11:00: **Sharing in Plenary** - 30'

11:30: **Research projects leveraging the GIHSN platform** - Marta Nunes (CERP), Sandra Chaves (Foundation for Influenza Epidemiology), Aspen Hammond, Miranda Delahoy (US CDC) - 60'

12:30: **Preparation of next season & pilot milestones** - Laurence Torcel-Pagnon - 15'

12:45: **Closing of the Meeting** - Cedric Mahe & Wenqing Zhang - 5'

13:00: **LUNCH BREAK**

**End of the meeting**