

The 25th Annual | Colorado Immunology and Microbiology Conference



September 2 - 4, 2026 | Steamboat Grand

2300 Mount Werner Circle

Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80487



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and Microbiology

EXHIBITOR INVITATION

The Department of Immunology and Microbiology at the University of Colorado Anschutz School of Medicine is excited to announce the 25th Annual Colorado Immunology and Microbiology Conference (CIMC), being held at the Steamboat Grand September 2 - 4, 2026. We are inviting you to attend and exhibit at this year's event.

This conference is held at one of several locations in the Rocky Mountains and brings together more than 250 scientists from multiple regional institutions for the purpose of education and exchange of ideas in the fields of immunology, microbiology, and cancer research. The immunology and microbiology community in Colorado and the greater Rocky Mountain region enjoys a very rich tradition of scientific discovery dating from more than half a century ago. However, Immunologists and Microbiologists in Colorado are distributed amongst several affiliated institutions along the front-range of the Rockies, and other institutions are even further afield. The lack of proximity presents an obstacle to achieving optimal collaborative research productivity and effective teaching amongst immunologists in the region. We instituted the annual Colorado Immunology and Microbiology Conference in 2000 with the goal of overcoming

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this obstacle and improving teaching and research interactions amongst regional immunologists and microbiologists. This meeting will provide networking opportunities for trainees to interact with senior faculty and scientists. The CIMC has fostered the development of thriving inter-institutional programs in cancer immunology, diabetes, autoimmunity, respiratory immunology, microbiology, and inflammation.

The CIMC is organized to promote optimal formal and informal interactions on current research and educational topics. This year, we will have 2 outside keynote speakers. One keynote speaker is always a leading female immunologist, honoring Dr. Pixie Campbell. Dr. Campbell was an immunologist who served on the faculty and as Immunology Program Director at National Jewish Health. She died prematurely of cancer. The microbiologist keynote speaker presents the Schaack & Stonehouse presentation, named for Dr. Jerry Schaack, a microbiologist who served on the faculty and as the



Dr. Pixie Campbell



Dr. Jerry Schaack



Dr. Martin Stonehouse

Microbiology Program Director, and Dr. Martin Stonehouse

a Microbiology graduate student and Postdoc, both at the University of Colorado Anschutz. Martin loved the Colorado outdoors and was often found atop one of the states 14ers or snowboarding down the glaciers. Dr. Schaack's career ended with the diagnosis of early onset Alzheimer's disease and Dr. Stonehouse worked as the Campus Assistant Biosafety Officer until he passed from a fatal brain tumor.

We strive to honor their memory and contributions to our science community at each conference with this keynote presentation. Our Pixie Campbell memorial speaker this year is **Dr. Stephanie C. Eisenbarth**. She is the Director of the Center for Human Immunobiology, Chief of Allergy and Immunology in the Department of Medicine, and a Roy and Elaine Patterson Professor of Medicine at Northwestern Medicine in Chicago, Illinois. The Schaack & Stonehouse keynote presenter is **Dr. Manuela Raffatellu**. He is a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Host-Microbe Systems and Therapeutics at the University of California, San Diego. Speakers also provide role models for developing scientists and educators.

The conference includes 2 poster/exhibitor sessions. These sessions are well attended by nearly all registrants. The sessions are geared towards graduate students and postdoctoral research fellows. It provides these trainees valuable educational and professional experience to help prepare them for academic and corporate careers. They are strongly encouraged to present at these sessions. Tables for exhibitors are in the poster session space to encourage registrants to speak with representatives.

Below is our tentative agenda and list of speakers. Updated information can be found here:

<https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/immunology-and-microbiology/events-new/25th-cimc>

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The Steamboat Grand, Steamboat Springs, Colorado

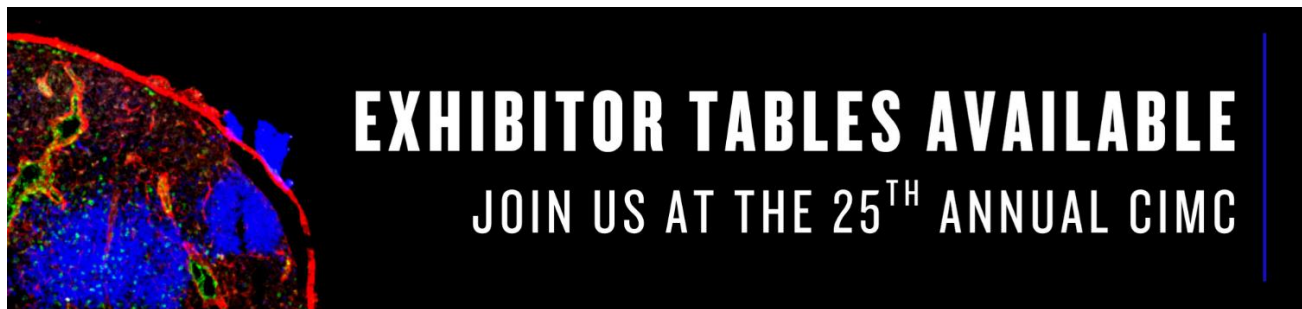
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(DRAFT PROGRAM as of May 20, 2026)

Time	Program Item	Location
Wednesday, September 2, 2026		
12:00 PM	Poster and exhibitor session setup* *posters must be set up by 4:45 PM on Wednesday, September 2, 2026	Korbel III
12:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Arrive and Register	
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	<u>THE PIXIE CAMPBELL KEYNOTE PRESENTATION</u>	Korbel I/II
	Dr. Stephanie C. Eisenbarth Director, Center for Human Immunobiology Chief of Allergy and Immunology in the Department of Medicine Roy and Elaine Patterson Professor of Medicine Professor, Medicine (Allergy and Immunology), and Pathology, Northwestern Medicine	
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Poster and Vendor Session Part 1	Korbel III
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Dinner and Themed Reception	Tent
Thursday, September 3, 2026		
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Tent
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Session 1: BASIC SCIENCE SESSION Chair: Siddharth Krishnamurthy, PhD	Korbel I/II
	<u>Speakers</u> Roberta Pelanda, PhD Rachel Friedman, PhD Marijke Kestra-Gounder, PhD Justin “Jamie” Barr	
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Session 2: CANCER SESSION Chair: Curtis Henry, PhD	Korbel I/II
	<u>Speakers</u> Divij Mathew, PhD James Scott-Browne, PhD	
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	<u>THE SCHAACK AND STONEHOUSE KEYNOTE PRESENTATION</u>	Korbel I/II
	Dr. Manuela Raffatellu Professor, Department of Pediatrics Division of Host-Microbe Systems and Therapeutics University of California, San Diego	
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Poster and Vendor Session Part 2	Korbel III
7:00 PM	Dinner	Tent
7:30 PM	Poster Session Winners Announced	
After Dinner	Professional Development Session - Table Discussions	

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Friday, September 4, 2026		
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Tent
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Session 3: TRANSLATIONAL SESSION Chair: Cristina Penaranda <u>Speakers</u> Michael Schurr, PhD David Schwartz, MD Alex Horswill, PhD Laurel Hind, PhD	Korbel I/II
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Session 4: I&M Trainee Showcase Session Chair: Mercedes Rincon, PhD <u>Speakers</u> Immunology Graduate Student Immunology Postdoctoral Fellow Microbiology Graduate Student Microbiology Postdoctoral Fellow	Korbel I/II



Join us at the 2026 CIMC!

Showcase your products and services and connect with faculty and staff in from multiple different institutions along the Front Range. This event is a unique opportunity to cultivate relationships through person-to-person communications and marketing. Registration will begin in June and will include online payment options. Vendor Space is limited!

Table Fees:

- 6' Standard table
- up to 2 Attendees: **\$1,500**
- Additional Attendees: **\$250/pp**

Poster/Exhibitor Session Hours:

- **September 2nd: 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM**
- **September 3rd: 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Included in your table fee:

- 6' skirted table
- Two chairs
- standard power
- Dinner with registrants on 09/02/2026 & 09/03/2026
- Breakfast with registrants on 09/03/2026 & 09/04/2026
- Access to all scientific sessions
- Listing on the Colorado Immunology and Microbiology Conference website
- Listing on the 2026 Conference agenda
- Acknowledgement during breaks
- Access to discounted hotel rates at The Steamboat Grand

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Our room rate at The Steamboat Grand starts at \$180.83/night plus sales tax and resort lodging fee). Commentary self parking is available at Ski Time Square across the street. You will have the opportunity to book at this special rate after registration begins. This special room rate will be available for conference attendees for 2 days prior to the conference. A special rate of \$335/night plus tax/fees for a standards run of house guest room will be offered for additional nights over the holiday weekend

If you are interested in sponsoring the Conference, please contact Andrea Edwards at Andrea.edwards@cuanschutz.edu or call 303-724-4431(Office).

Online Registration Coming Soon!

We prefer payment by credit card, but we can also accept checks. Checks can be made payable and addressed to:

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