

Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution Congress 2026

***The Annual Meeting of the
Society for Molecular Biology &
Evolution***

***28th June - 2nd July 2026
Copenhagen, Denmark***

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Welcome

We are delighted to have been chosen to host the 2026 Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution conference, in Copenhagen, between the 28th June and 2nd of July.

Copenhagen is a compact, ecologically minded and beautiful, tourist friendly and easy to navigate city full of history and culture. While famous for its style and architecture, and of course its restaurant scene, it also has deep roots in molecular and evolutionary biology.

Beginning with Carlsberg

Beginning with the Carlsberg brewery's pioneering work in yeast research back in the 19th century, the local research communities have diversified their research so as to today excel in both the basic and applied use of molecular biology, across areas such as evolutionary, medical and population genomics, molecular ecology, palaeogenomics, hologenomics and more.

A Region Rich in World-leading Biotech and Life Science

Although academically anchored principally at the University of Copenhagen and the Danish Technical University, our research environment is enriched by close collaborations with institutions such as the Natural History Museum of Denmark, Copenhagen Zoo and the Carlsberg Research Laboratories, but also given their geographic proximity, academic teams at Denmark's other major universities in Aarhus, Aalborg and Odense, as well as the community in Southern Sweden.

Furthermore, as a region rich in world-leading biotech and life science pioneers, including multinational companies such as Novo Nordisk, Novonesis, Lundbeck, and Carlsberg, Copenhagen bridges academic innovation with industrial application.

In light of this, we look forward to SMBE2026 bringing together the global molecular evolution community to explore the state of the art of our fields, across four exciting days of talks and networking.

We look forward to seeing you here!

On behalf of the Local Organizing Committee

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Local Organising Committee Chair



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Topics & Focus Areas

Molecular Evolutionary Theory

Advances in models of sequence evolution, molecular clocks, and evolutionary dynamics.

Population Genomics & Demography

Insights into genetic diversity, adaptation, and demographic history from large-scale genomic data.

Comparative & Functional Genomics

Using comparative approaches to understand genome architecture, gene family evolution, and functional innovation.

Microbial & Viral Evolution

Evolutionary dynamics of bacteria, archaea, and viruses, including host–microbe interactions.

Evolution of Development & Phenotypes

Linking molecular mechanisms to the evolution of form, function, and life history strategies.

Computational & Statistical Methods

Innovative algorithms, machine learning, and statistical tools for analyzing molecular data.

Molecular Ecology & Adaptation

Genomic insights into ecological interactions, local adaptation, and convergent evolution.

Experimental Evolution & Functional Assays

Laboratory and field experiments connecting genotype, phenotype, and fitness.

Human Evolutionary Genomics

Genomic perspectives on human origins, population history, adaptation and health.

Programme Outline

28th June 2026	17.00 - Plenary and Opening Session <u>18.00 - Welcome Reception and Exhibition opens</u>
29th June 2026	Scientific Sessions: Track 1-4 <u>Exhibition</u> Evening poster session
30th June 2026	Scientific Sessions: Track 1-4 <u>Exhibition</u> Evening poster session
1st July 2026	Scientific Sessions: Track 1-4 Closing Plenary Session <u>Closing of Exhibition</u> Congress Dinner
2nd July 2026	Parallel Sessions 12.30 - Closing of Conference

IMPORTANT DATES

September 1st 2025: Call for symposia. Close Wednesday October 15th 2025

November 3rd 2025: Announcement of successful symposia

November 3rd 2025: Online registration opens

December 1st 2025: Abstract submission open

February 3rd 2026: Abstract submission deadline

March 2nd 2026: Abstract / awards notification

March 31st 2026: Early bird registration deadline

Registration closing: We will only close registrations if we surpass the maximum capacity.



Sponsor Packages

Gold

• 6m2 exhibition stand or one of the branding opportunities listed under Branding Items • 45 min. satellite symposium slot in the lunch break • Roll up in the registration area • Company logo in all online materials • 2 full registrations (access to all scientific sessions, exhibition, lunch and coffee breaks). *Additional registration is available at a discounted rate.	€7.500
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Silver

• 6m2 exhibition stand • Half page advert in the programme book • Company logo in all online materials • 2 full registrations (access to all scientific sessions, exhibition, lunch and coffee breaks). *Additional registration is available at a discounted rate.	€3.500
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Bronze

• Company logo in all online materials • A roll-up placed in the exhibition area.	€1.500
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*All prices are quoted excl. VAT.



Scientific Items

Young scientist travel grant (PhD. and Post Doc)

Includes registration, hotel, travel, and 1 grant of 1,000 EUR paid out to the selected participant.

€3.000

(+1,000 EUR for each additional grant)

- Dedicated social media campaign announcing the educational grant and a subpage on the website
- Company mention with logo in all communication about the prize incl. on social media and in the application form
- Prize handed over to winner together with the congress chair
- Photo with the winner(s)
- List of applicants incl. their contact details (subject to consent).

Prize | Best presentation

One per category (€1,000 will be paid to the winner).

€1.500

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- Prize handed over to winner together with the congress chair
- Photo with the winner.

Prize | Best poster

One per category (€1,000 will be paid to the winner).

€1.500

- Company mention with logo in all communication about the prize incl. on social media
- Prize handed over to winner together with the congress chair
- Photo with the winner.



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Social Programme & Branding Items

Social Programme

Welcome Reception

- Incl. 3-minute talk
- Exclusive branding at the reception.

€3.000

Branding Items

Lanyard Sponsorship

(Double hooked)

€1.000

Excl. Production Cost

Website Banner Advert, Frontpage

(Max. 2 Banners)

€1.000

€1.500 for non-sponsors

Advert In The Online Programme

€1.000

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Terms and conditions

Terms of payment

Full payment is due within 14 days of signing the agreement. To ensure participation and inclusion in printed materials, payment must be received no later than 30 days before the conference. All bookings must be made by the online booking form and must contain invoice address, VAT number and PO-number (if needed).

Terms of cancellation

The agreement is binding upon order confirmation. For cancellations made more than six months before the conference, 25% of the total fee is non-refundable, and 75% will be refunded. Cancellations within six months of the conference are non-refundable, and the full fee remains payable. This applies regardless of withdrawal or non-participation.

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