



## Call for Abstracts

# “Navigating through DNA viruses – novel disease associations and common host manipulations”

Dear colleagues,

we are pleased to announce the **12<sup>th</sup> European Seminar in Virology (EuSeV)** entitled **“Navigating through DNA viruses – novel disease associations and common host manipulations”**. The meeting will take place as a Live Meeting at the University of Bologna Residential Center in **Bertinoro, Italy, May 29-31, 2026**. This year the meeting will be organized by the **European Society for Virology** ([www.eusv.eu](http://www.eusv.eu)) together with the DFG-funded research group FOR5200 **DEEP-DV** (<https://deep-dv.org/wp/>).

DNA viruses are widespread pathogens of humans, animals and plants which share strategies of host manipulation, however, have also diversified during their evolution. This Seminars of Virology has a twofold aim: (i) to bring together experts in the field working on different DNA viruses to illuminate commonalities on how these viruses manipulate their respective hosts; (ii) to highlight exciting novel disease associations and pathomechanisms of DNA viruses with the implication to pave new avenues for prevention and therapy. Special emphasis will be given to recent findings linking DNA virus infections to the development of neurological diseases such as multiple sclerosis and dementia.

**Abstract (oral and poster presentations) deadline:** April 15, 2026.

Please submit your abstract (including title, authors, affiliation(s), text of max. 300 words) to [bertinoro-abstract@gmx.de](mailto:bertinoro-abstract@gmx.de)

**Confirmed keynote speakers:** Simon Baker (UK), Manja Czech-Sioli (Germany), Marco DeAndrea (Italy), Tobias Derfuss (Switzerland), Michael Kann (Sweden), Philipp Kolb (Germany), Rosa Lozano-Duran (Germany), Jo Parish (UK), Patrick Schwab (Switzerland), Pedro Simas (Portugal), Matthew D. Weitzman (USA), Harald Wodrich (France)

**The facility** is located 60 km east of Bologna in the monumental area of the Bishop's Fortress. The surrounding area is the Appenines with hillsides covered by the local “Albana di Bertinoro” vineyards. Local transportation from and to Bologna airport will be provided. The meeting will start on Friday evening and end on Sunday noon.

**Registration:** <https://www.ceub.it/events/event/12th-european-seminar-in-virology-eusev-navigating-through-dna-viruses/>

Please register early – the number of participants is limited to 100!

We look forward to seeing you in Bertinoro,

Gabriella Campadelli-Fiume, Melanie Brinkmann, Ana Falcón, Nicole Fischer, Michael Kann, Thomas Mertens, Thomas Stamminger, Dana Wolf,  
Organizers of the 12<sup>th</sup> EuSeV on behalf of the European Society for Virology and on behalf of research unit FOR5200.