BioCity Turku Announcement 9/2026

This week

* MBC Bioinformatics Consultation, 24th February at 13:00
* PiF Friday Café, 27th February at 13:00, Rautaniemi and Maunu

Next week

* Immunology Seminar, 3rd March at 14:00, Bonelli
* SPARK Europe Webinar, 4th March at 17:00, Sorvisto
* Frontiers of Science, 5th March at 12:00, Petsalaki

In near future

* TechDigi TeamUp, 11th March at 08:30
* Frontiers of Science, 12th March at 12:00, Groc
* National Medicines Day 2026, 12th March at 17:00
* 2026 Finnish Proteomics Symposium, 12th-13th March
* Single Cell and Spatial Omics Symposium and Course, 12th March
* 4th SPARC Seminar, 13th March at 12:00
* SPARK Webinar, 19th March at 16:30, Sotiropoulou
* Health Campus Turku co-innovation workshop, 23rd March at 12:00
* Infections and Immunity Seminar, 25th March at 13:15, Harvala

Save the date

* European Bioconductor Conference, EuroBioC2026, 1st-5th June
* The annual conference of The Finnish Atherosclerosis Society, 11th–12th June

Courses

* Scientific Writing Skills course
* Manuscript Writing and Preparation course
* PET Basics course

Open positions

* Head of Research
* Senior Researcher

Links to recruitment pages

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MBC Bioinformatics Consultation

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24th February at 13:00-14:00
Onsite event
in BioCity 7th floor small seminar room (Owl)

Open bioinformatics consultation sessions are organized regularly on-site (in BioCity). Feel free to pop in without reservation and ask about bioinformatics, experimental design and data analysis. The consultation sessions are organized under the **Biocenter Finland Bioinformatics platform** and they are open to all academic researchers.

All discussions are private – please wait for your turn in the corridor.

More information and tentative schedule: https://elolab.utu.fi/mbc-bioinformatics-consultation/

Changes to the schedule are possible and will be updated on this page.

Read more about MBC and the training and support options available: https://elolab.utu.fi

Everyone warmly welcome!

PiF Friday Café

27th Feburary at 13:00-14:00
Onsite event
in MediCity Seminar Room 4009, office-side, MediCity, BioCity 4th floor

Kaisa Rautaniemi (Advanced Imaging Core) & **Mathew Nickel Maunu** (Flow Cytometry Core)
Career at the core of facilitating science

Coffee, pulla, and smoothies are served (first come, first serve)!

Kaisa supports researchers in their light microscopy needs in Advanced Imaging Core in Turku Bioscience Center. She completed a PhD (tech) in the Faculty of Science and Engineering at Tampere University. Before joining AIC, Kaisa focused on time-resolved fluorescence microscopy and spectroscopy.

Mathew has a PhD from the Leiden University Medical Center in the Netherlands with previous experience in working as an engineering consultant. Currently he is a project engineer at the Turku Bioscience Flow Cytometry Core, training people in flow cytometric experimentation and analysis.

Don’t miss this opportunity to learn, connect, and enjoy a delicious pulla!

Immunology Seminar

3rd March at 14:00-15:00
Virtual event

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in Zoom
Flyer

Michael Bonelli, Department of Internal Medicine III, Medical University of Vienna
Immunological insights into Rheumatoid arthritis

Host: Professor Riitta Lahesmaa (rilahes@utu.fi)

Link to the seminar: https://utu.zoom.us/j/68289014709

Register for the Immunology Seminar Series email list to get calendar invitation to the online seminar: https://link.webropolsurveys.com/S/D29C32AA6E8A2F7A

Immunology seminar series is jointly organised by the Finnish Society for Immunology, InFLAMES Flagship and Turku Bioscience. For further information contact Anne Lahdenperä (ankahy@utu.fi) or Riitta Lahesmaa (rilahes@utu.fi), University of Turku.

Michael Bonelli studied medicine at the Medical University of Vienna, where he completed his doctoral thesis at the Division of Rheumatology investigating the role of regulatory T cells in patients with systemic lupus erythematosus. In 2005, he began his clinical training in internal medicine at the Medical University of Vienna. From 2011 to 2014, he conducted a research fellowship in the laboratory of Dr. John O'Shea at the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA. During this period, his research focused on the role of epigenetic modifications in the identity, function, and stability of regulatory T cells under both steady-state and inflammatory conditions.

Following his return to Vienna, he completed his specialization in rheumatology and was appointed Associate Professor at the Division of Rheumatology at the Medical University of Vienna. In 2024, he became Deputy Head of the Division of Rheumatology and director of the basic and translational science unit, and in 2025 he was appointed Full Professor of Experimental Rheumatology.

Michael Bonelli has received multiple competitive grants and awards from the Austrian Science Fund and the Austrian National Bank and is actively involved in numerous national and international research collaborations. His research program focuses on the mechanisms driving autoimmunity, with particular emphasis on epigenetic regulation of immune cell function. Within the framework of functional precision medicine, his group develops novel approaches to predict treatment response and enable personalized therapeutic strategies. In addition, his work in structural immunity investigates how cellular interactions within inflamed tissues sustain chronic inflammatory processes.

Link to Michael Bonelli's publications

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SPARK Europe Webinar

4th March at 17:00-18:00
Online event
in Zoom
Flyer

Pasi Sorvisto, Founder and Director, SPARK Finland & Director, SPARK Europe
Team Building and How to Establish a Company in Health Technology

Developing a new solution or establishing a viable and fundable company requires a team. From investors, business partners, to government innovation financiers, everybody talks about team dynamics and the need for a strong team behind your case. Message is clear: "A-class team can make B-class plan to succeed, but B-class team can't necessarily make an A-class plan to succeed".

In this SPARK Europe Webinar, Pasi Sorvisto will provide some answers and perspectives to these questions:
- How to build a relevant and competent team for your case?
- What kind of competencies are required in each stage of a lifecycle of a case?
- How could you make your case appealing to relevant professionals?

Registration to the webinar is required in advance in order to receive the Zoom meeting link:
4.3. Team Building and How to Establish a Company in Health Technology, Pasi Sorvisto

The event is hosted by SPARK Finland. If you have trouble with the registration, please reach out to info@sparkfinland.fi.

Frontiers of Science

5th March at 12:00
Onsite event
in Presidentti auditorium, BioCity
Spring 2026 program

Dr. Evangelia Petsalaki, EMBL-EBI, UK
Network-based approaches for studying context-specific signalling

Host: Tomi Suomi (tomi.suomi@utu.fi)

Coffee and sandwich served at 11:45, first come first serve!

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Six PhD researchers and early-career postdocs are welcome to **have a lunch and discuss with Dr. Petsalaki** after the seminar. This is a great possibility to learn hosting skills in a friendly environment and create connections for future. Everyone is welcome to join, BioCity Turku will offer the lunch.

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Evangelia Petsalaki's research group studies human cell signalling in healthy and disease conditions. The group uses interdisciplinary approaches, including data-driven network inference, modelling of cell processes and data integration, to understand how different environmental or genetic conditions affect cell signalling responses leading to diverse cell phenotypes. Their long-term aim is to create whole-cell signalling models, to better understand cell functions and disease. Evangelia has a PhD in structural bioinformatics from EMBL and the University of Heidelberg (2009) and did her postdoctoral work at the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute in Toronto, Canada (2010-2016).

Selected publications

Comprehensive evaluation of phosphoproteomic-based kinase activity inference. Müller-Dott S, Jaehnig EJ, Munchic KP, Jiang W, Yaron-Barir TM, Savage SR, Garrido-Rodriguez M, Johnson JL, Lussana A, Petsalaki E, Lei JT, Dugourd A, Krug K, Cantley LC, Mani DR, Zhang B, Saez-Rodriguez J. Nat Commun. 2025 May 22;16(1):4771

PhosX: data-driven kinase activity inference from phosphoproteomics experiments. Lussana A, Müller-Dott S, Saez-Rodriguez J, Petsalaki E. Bioinformatics. 2024 Nov 28;40(12):btae697

An unbiased ranking of murine dietary models based on their proximity to human metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD). Vacca M, …, Feigh M, Yunis C, Bedossa P, Stewart M, Cater HL, Wells S, Schattenberg JM, Anstee QM; LITMUS Investigators; Tiniakos D, Perfield JW, Petsalaki E, Davidsen P, Vidal-Puig A. Nat Metab. 2024 Jun;6(6):1178-119

Use of viral motif mimicry improves the proteome-wide discovery of human linear motifs. Wadie B, Kleshchevnikov V, Sandaltzopoulou E, Benz C, Petsalaki E. ‘Cell Rep. 2022 May 3;39(5):110764

General information

- Registration is not needed, participation list is circulated in the audience
- If you are a student and later wish to get a certificate of attendance from the Frontier of Science seminars, print out the seminar diary and after the seminar ask the BioCity coordinator to sign it https://seafile.utu.fi/d/44a70f80ac1e46a9ad0a/
- Please note that any audio or video recording of the seminars is strictly forbidden.
- Spring 2026 image credits to Jan Kaslin: Motor neurons (green) and newly produced cells (red) are organized around the central canal (blue cells surrounding channel that crosses

the image) in the adult zebrafish spinal cord. Image taken using Leica SP8 confocal microscope.

TechDigi TeamUp

11th March at 08:30-12:30
Onsite event
in Cave auditorium, Visitor and Innovation Centre Joki

The growing impact of emerging technologies and digitalisation across all academic fields and sectors of society has generated an increasing need for interdisciplinary encounters.

To respond to this need, TechDigi is organising **TechDigi TeamUp: Dialogues of Future Technologies – a matchmaking and idea exchange event** designed to foster collaboration, multidisciplinary understanding, and visionary discussion on technological transformation.

We warmly invite researchers, professionals, developers, students, decisionmakers, and anyone with an interest in emerging technologies to join this diverse gathering that encourages spontaneous encounters, mutual learning, and crossdisciplinary dialogue.

The goal is to provide a space where participants can explore the potential, implications, and future directions of technological development from multiple perspectives.

The event is open for everyone and free of charge, and the event language is English. It is organised by New technologies and digitalisation (TechDigi), which is one of the five multidisciplinary themes of the University of Turku. This theme focuses on developing technologies and digital solutions as well as understanding and managing their impact.

Programme

- 8.30 Morning coffee, registration & poster session
- 9.00 Welcome and opening words, **Tapio Salakoski**, University of Turku
- 9.10-10.25 Keynote talks with Q&A
    - The role of new technologies in the future of pharmaceuticals manufacturing, **Tomi Penttilä**, Bayer
    - Robotics Today: How Automation Shapes Industry, **Aku Laakso**, Yaskawa
    - Bioprinting Today: Emerging Technologies and RealWorld Applications, **Pasi Kaskinen**, Brinter
- 10.25 -11.25 Round-table discussions
- 11.25-11.30 Closing words, **Heidi Piili**, University of Turku
- 11.30-12.30 Buffet lunch with poster session and networking

Participants will have the opportunity to join themed discussions such as:

- Personalised Nutrition and Individualised Well-being
  How sensors and wearables are shaping well-being choices.
- Inter-, Multi-, and Transdisciplinarity: Which Approach Drives Innovation?
  Examining collaboration models that enable breakthroughs in emerging technologies.
- Anticipatory Science for Policy and Diplomacy
  Exploring how scientific foresight can inform and shape global strategies.
- How 3D Printing is Transforming Product Personalisation
  Discussing how additive manufacturing is redefining design and consumer experience.
- Machines and Humanity
  How increasingly humanlike technologies challenge our understanding of identity, relationships, and human–AI interaction.

A limited number of poster presentation slots will be available for registered participants. Poster places will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Posters are requested that presents any topics within the field of "New Technologies and Digitalisation" from a multidisciplinary perspective. In this context, multidisciplinary refers to examining new technologies and digitalisation through the viewpoints of different scientific disciplines and areas of expertise. All topic areas related to this theme are welcome.

Register to the event at the latest 3 March 2026

TechDigi warmly welcomes all who wish to explore the frontiers of technological innovation!

For further information about the event, please contact Coordinator Outi Nurmela, University of Turku (outi.nurmela@utu.fi)

Frontiers of Science

12th March at 12:00
Onsite event
in BioCity, Presidentti auditorium
Spring 2026 program

Dr. Laurent Groc, CNRS - University of Bordeaux, France
Imaging the glutamatergic signaling in brain health and disease

Host: Eleanor Coffey (elecof@utu.fi)

Coffee and sandwich served at 11:45, first come first serve!

Six PhD researchers and early-career postdocs are welcome to **have a lunch and discuss with Dr. Groc** after the seminar. This is a great possibility to learn hosting skills in a friendly environment and create connections for future. Everyone is welcome to join, BioCity Turku will offer the lunch.

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The Groc lab aims to uncover the cellular and molecular mechanisms that underlie the development of synapses and brain networks under both physiological conditions and in models of neuropsychiatric disorders. Its research seeks to elucidate how synaptogenesis unfolds, from the earliest stages of neuronal contact to the establishment and stabilization of functional synaptic connections. A central focus of the Groc lab is to determine how the extracellular matrix shapes neuronal signaling, thereby influencing synaptic maturation, plasticity, and network organization. The lab also investigates how pathogenic molecules with psychotomimetic actions, such as ketamine and autoantibodies directed against the NMDA receptor, alter glutamatergic signaling and behavior. In parallel, it examines how developmental mutations in NMDA receptor subunits affect synaptogenesis as well as the formation and function of neuronal networks. Through this integrated approach, the Groc lab seeks to clarify how molecular and synaptic disruptions contribute to alterations in brain circuitry associated with neuropsychiatric disorders.

Selected publications

Diverse anti-NMDAR autoantibodies from individuals with encephalitis. Zoe Jamet, Frederic Villega, Laurent Groc. Nat Struct Mol Biol. 2024-11-27. 31(12) : 1821-1823

Converging synaptic and network dysfunctions in distinct autoimmune encephalitis. Daniel Hunter, Mar Petit-Pedrol, Dominique Fernandes, Nathan Bénac, Catarina Rodrigues, Jakob Kreye, Mihai Ceanga, Harald Prüss, Christian Geis, Laurent Groc. EMBO Rep. 2024-01-22.

GluN3A subunit tunes NMDA receptor synaptic trafficking and content during postnatal brain development. Inmaculada M. González-González, John A. Gray, Joana Ferreira, María Jose Conde-Dusman, Delphine Bouchet, Isabel Perez-Otaño, Laurent Groc. Cell Reports. 2023-05-01. 42(5) : 112477.

Cognitive and psychiatric features of anti-NMDA receptor encephalitis. Frederic Villéga, Harald Prüss, Ludger Tebartz van Elst, Laurent Groc. The Lancet Neurology. 2022-10-01. 21(10) : 861-862.

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National Medicines Day 2026

12th March at 17:00–19:30
Onsite event
in Biocity 3rd floor lecture hall (Aud. Farmaci)

The event is bilingual in Finnish and Swedish.

Celebrate the National Medicines Day 2026 with us! We invite you to an inspiring and relaxed medicines-themed evening where our talented pharmacist and pharmacy students will share their exciting and current thesis projects. And best of all – they will do so in their own native language! In addition, we will also hear two keynote lectures on self-care medicines and the Nordic GERDA project on healthy aging. FI-SWE BILINGUAL MEDICINES EVENING MARCH 12, 2026

Come and learn about interesting research, ask questions, and discuss the latest news in a pleasant and informal language immersion environment. To make the evening even more enjoyable, we will be serving both savory and sweet snacks!

Here you can read more about the program and register (in Swedish and Finnish)

We hope to see you there!

The event is arranged by the Pharmacy unit at Åbo Akademi University together with the ÅAU strategic research profiling area Solutions for Health.

And hey, if Finnish or Swedish does not flow fluently for you, the next day we continue with the same theme in English int the *4th SPARC Seminar about medicines*.

2026 Finnish Proteomics Symposium

12th-13th March
Onsite event
in Hotel Nuuksio, Espoo

Finnish Proteomics Symposium brings together **proteomics** users and those interested in proteomics from Finland, the Nordic countries and beyond. We are proud to feature three distinguished **keynote speakers** who will share their cutting-edge research and innovative methods across diverse areas of proteomics, including **human, plant** and **microbial** systems. Additionally, you will be able to get insights and opportunities from **Finnish proteomics core facilities**.

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Whether you're an expert, a seasoned user, or simply curious about the potential of proteomics, this symposium offers a valuable chance to learn, gain new ideas, present your project, and network in the middle of the stunning surroundings of Nuuksio National Park.

Keynote speakers:
Lotta Happonen, Associate Professor, Lund University, SciLifeLab
Saijaliisa Kangasjärvi, Professor, University of Helsinki
Kirsi Savijoki, Docent, University of Helsinki

Registration:
Early bird: 16.12.2025 – 30.1.2026, Student 90€ / Others 130€
Regular: 31.1.2026 – 16.2.2026, Student 120€ / Others 160€

Abstract submission deadline 30.1.2026

More details and registration from event web page: https://www.finnprot.fi/2026-finnish-proteomics-symposium/

Single Cell and Spatial Omics Symposium and Course

12th March
Onsite event
in Helsinki Biomedicum 1, Lecture Hall 1 (P floor)
More info

Symposioum registration is open until February 26th, 2026, or until the event is fully booked:
Link for registration

Speakers:
Ralf Jungmann (Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry)
Allon Klein (Harvard Medical School)
Ernst Lengyel (University of Chicago)
Ana Martin-Villalba (German Cancer Research Center (DKFZ)
Nikolaus Rajewsky (Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine)
Maria Secrier (University College London)
Daniela Ungureanu (University of Oulu)
Helena Kilpinen (University of Helsinki).

Program, including lunch, and a poster session with sparkling, begins at 9 AM and ends at around 5:30 PM. The symposium is on-site only, free of charge and everybody is warmly welcome to register by Feb-26, or until fully booked. The poster session is an excellent opportunity to present and discuss your project involving single-cell and/or spatial omics. For students, presenting a poster provides one additional study credit. When registering, please provide a tentative poster title, and be prepared to give a one-slide, 30-second poster teaser during the symposium.

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Single Cell and Spatial Omics Course
Time: February 24 – March 6, 2026
Place: Biomedicum 1 (Helsinki). Lectures will take place in BP15b, and the data analysis workshop in Seminar rooms 1–2. The location of the wet-lab demonstrations will be communicated to selected students.
Registration: Open until Feb 3, 2026. Students will be notified of selection by Feb 9.

Link for registration

More info

Single Cell and Spatial Omics Course (DPBM-120) includes lectures and wet-lab demos of single cell and spatial omics methodologies (Feb-24 to Feb-27, 2026) in addition to one full week of data analysis workshop (March-2 to March-6), with hands-on single cell transcriptomics, spatial transcriptomics, and spatial proteomics data analysis with R and python. Please note that minor changes in the course schedule are still possible, and that DPBM students will be prioritised in student selection.

Organising team for the symposium: Anna Vähärautio, Anniina Färkkilä, Andrew Erickson, Iivari Kleino, Rafa Najumudeen, Laura Elo.

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4th SPARC Seminar

13th March at 12:00–15:05
Onsite event
in Aurum, lecture hall Argentum

This near-annual SPARC (*Synthesis, Pharmacy and Radiochemistry*) seminar has been established to foster collaboration between the University of Turku and Åbo Akademi University units working on topics related to bioorganic, materials, medicinal and organic chemistry, as well as pharmacy and radiochemistry. This year, the theme is “Medicines” to commemorate the National Medicines Day, and we will also hear a Nobel lecture in honor of the 2025 Nobel Prize “MOFs and Medicine”. The event is sponsored by the ÅAU strategic research profiling area Solutions for Health.

Program and registration: **4th SPARC seminar 2026**

Welcome all!

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SPARK Webinar

19th March at 16:30-17:30
Online event
in Teams
Flyer

Peggy Sotiropoulou, Chief Scientific Officer at T-Knife Therapeutics
The Business of Biotech: From Spin-offs to Thriving Ventures

Registration to the webinar is required in advance in order to receive MS Teams meeting link: 19.3. The Business of Biotech: From Spin-offs to Thriving Ventures, Peggy Sotiropoulou

The event is hosted by SPARK-BIH at the Berlin Institute of Health at Charité, Berlin, Germany. SPARK is an initiative created at Stanford University to overcome challenges associated with translation of academic discoveries

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Health Campus Turku co-innovation workshop

23rd March at 12:00-16:00
Onsite event
in TYKS Kompassisairaala, Kiinamyllynkatu 13
Flyer

The language of the event is Finnish.

Welcome to brainstorm new joint projects that may become Business Finland funded Co-Innovation projects. The event is arranged in co-operation with the Health Campus Turku (University of Turku, Åbo Akademi University, Turku University of Applied Sciences, Novia University of Applied Sciences, Business Turku and the wellbeing services county of Southwest Finland) and Business Finland.

For more information about the event and to register, please visit the event's webpage.

Infections and Immunity Seminar

25th March at 13:15-14:00
Hybrid event
in Blokki 1 and Zoom
Spring 2026 program

Heli Harvala, University of Turku
Emerging arboviruses and blood safety

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Come on-site or join the lecture in Zoom: https://utu.zoom.us/j/61507745698

More information from Sujit Kumar (sujit.kumar@utu.fi)

Everyone warmly welcome!

European Bioconductor Conference, EuroBioC2026

1st-5th June
Onsite event
in BioCity, Turku, Finland
More information: https://eurobioc2026.bioconductor.org/

One of the world's largest open-source research communities will convene in Turku in summer 2026, as the European Bioconductor Conference is held in Finland for the first time. EuroBioC2026 will bring together researchers, software developers and data scientists in bioinformatics and computational biology from across Europe and beyond.

EuroBioC2026 will take place in Turku on the first week of June 2026. The event is organised in collaboration by the Finnish Society for Bioinformatics, BioCity Turku research programme CompLifeSci, and the international Bioconductor community.

The three-day conference along with the two workshop days will provide an up-to-date overview of Bioconductor software development and emerging technologies shaping computational biology and bioinformatics. The programme will include invited keynote talks, scientific presentations, workshops, and networking opportunities within the international research community.

Bioconductor is one of the largest bioinformatics software projects in the world. Its mission is to develop high-quality open-source software on multiple platforms for bioinformatics and computational biology. An active and inclusive community of developers and data scientists lies at the heart of Bioconductor's success, fostering openness, collaboration and knowledge sharing.

The EuroBioC2026 speaker lineup features internationally recognised experts from across the field of bioinformatics and data science.

More information from the event web page: https://eurobioc2026.bioconductor.org/

The annual conference of The Finnish Atherosclerosis Society

11th–12th June
Onsite event
in in Alhopuro Hall, Medisiina D
Flyer

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The Finnish Atherosclerosis Society (SATY ry) promotes scientific research and educational activities related to atherosclerosis in Finland. It organizes an annual scientific meeting, provides travel grants for trainees to attend scientific conferences, and supports knowledge sharing in the field. SATY ry also acts as Finland's representative within the European Atherosclerosis Society. More information, including application for membership, is available on the SATY website.

The annual conference of the SATY 2026 will be organized at the Alhopuro Hall, Medisiina D, University of Turku. The meeting will start at noon on Thursday June 11th and end on Friday June 12th at 16:15.

The theme of the conference is **'From cellular mechanisms to early prevention and detection of atherosclerosis throughout the life-course'**.

The SATY annual conference represents a broad spectrum of basic, translational, and clinical research ranging from cellular metabolism to life-course prevention and detection of atherosclerosis and cardiovascular disease. You can shape the final program by submitting an abstract. Oral and poster presentations will be selected from submitted abstracts, providing opportunities for researchers at all career stages, including early-career researchers.

Plenary lectures:
Prof. **Terence Dwyer** (Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia)
Prof. **Johan Björkegren** (Karolinska Institutet, Sweden)
Associate Prof. **Jeffrey Kroon** (Amsterdam UMC, Netherlands)
Prof. **Borja Ibáñez** (online lecture, CNIC, Spain)

Conference registration and lunch on Friday are free of charge for all researchers affiliated with a university or an academic research institute. An extra registration fee of 25€ for the conference dinner applies.

Faculty of Medicine Postgraduate Education Unit has granted a PGE course status for the conference. Graduate and post-graduate students may receive ECTS as follows: 1 ECTS for attending the entire meeting, 1 ECTS for oral presentation.

We would like to encourage all participants to submit abstracts. **The deadline for abstract submission is March 29th, 2026**, and the **deadline for registration is April 26th, 2026**.

Registration link: https://link.webropol.com/s/saty2026-registration
Abstract submission link: https://link.webropol.com/s/saty2026-abstract-submission.

Organising team for the conference: Juha Mykkänen, Suvi Rovio, Marja Heiskanen, Mia Ståhle, Joonas Lehto, Teemu Maaniitty, Juhani Knuuti, Antti Saraste, Tuomas Kiviniemi and Olli Raitakari.

If you have any questions, please contact Juha Mykkänen, juha.mykkanen@utu.fi

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Scientific Writing Skills course

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Faculty of Medicine postdoctoral programme SYS-LIFE in collaboration with Smith Communications organizes one day scientific writing course!

This course has been very popular in the past and it will be repeated again.

The course will take place 18th of March, 2026 starting at 9.00 in Medisiina C7 meeting room.

The course instructor is **Steve Smith**, a native English speaker with over 25 years of specialist experience as a Medical Writer and Editor.

https://www.linkedin.com/in/steve-smith-043916128/

This course is not about spelling and English grammar, but about the paper writing process and how to prepare your work ready for publication.

The course has a small homework as a pre-course task, and only those returning the task can participate in the contact teaching in March.

More information here.

Registration to the event is full, you can register on the waiting list.

Manuscript Writing and Preparation course

Registration is open for the Hands-on Manuscript Writing and Preparation course (Peppi code IFDM1004) arranged by InFLAMES.

Lectures will begin on April 7. Since the course is built around hands-on learning, participants are required to either be at a stage in their project to prepare a manuscript or manuscript preparation is already in progress. One-on-one assessments with the instructor will be performed in the first class to assess eligibility to participate.

Check here for more details and register in Peppi (those with active UTU study right) or by contacting Sampo Koivunen at sampo.koivunen@utu.fi

Welcome everyone!

PET Basics course

March 23-25, 2026
in Haartman Lecture Hall (Tyks, TG1) and Zoom: https://utu.zoom.us/j/61706040087

Organiser: Turku PET Centre
Language: English
Target attendees: Physicians, scientists, PhD students, all interested in PET

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Course is free of charge and worth of 2.0 credits for MSc and PhD degree, and 15 h for MD specialist's degree.

Flyer

Course program

Please register latest March 9, 2026 to Minna Kangasperko, minna.kangasperko@utu.fi
Please note: degree students enroll in Peppi (PGS_1709-3007)
Further information: Assoc Prof Riku Klén, riku.klen@utu.fi

Head of Research

Åbo Akademi University invites applications for a fixed term position as **Head of Research in Bioscience** (Principle Investigator) with the task to establish a new research group at Turku Bioscience Centre. The employment can commence from 1 May, 2026 for a period of 5 years. The appointment is full-time and located at the **Turku Bioscience** Centre at the **Faculty of Science and Engineering** in Turku, Finland.

Take a look at the full call

Please submit your electronic application in the ÅAU recruitment system no later than **28.2.2026 at 15:00** (EET, Finnish time zone).

Senior Researcher

Turku Bioscience is seeking a highly motivated and experienced Senior Researcher in a permanent position to join our team and lead the development and application of cutting-edge spatial omics technologies, integrating expertise from our different core facilities. This role will be central to building and integrating our core facility expertise in spatial technologies to generate combined spatial omics methodologies. These include transcriptomics, proteomics, multiplex immunohistochemistry, metabolomics, and related methods. Please send your application as soon as possible, as we'll be reviewing candidates already in January.

The Senior Researcher will play both a scientific and strategic role, ensuring our unit remains at the forefront of rapidly evolving technologies. The person will be responsible for developing workflows that work across core facilities, consulting with researchers, and actively contributing to collaborative projects.

The Senior Researcher possesses a strong understanding of the use of omics in biological research and an interest towards rapidly evolving techniques, especially in spatial omics. They independently and proactively follow publications, conferences, and technological breakthroughs in the field and, can assess which methods are relevant to the unit's needs and are excited about an opportunity to

create core services and workflows supporting scientists working with different biological disciplines. Insights in immunology, oncology, neuroscience, and/or drug discovery are considered beneficial.

Take a look at the full call

Apply between **17 December 2025** and **28 February 2026 16:00 (Europe/Helsinki)**

Links to recruitment pages

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Åbo Akademi University in Swedish and in English
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