CNIC PHDAY 2026

Immunity: It is all connected

(Friday 27th November, 2026)

8:00 - 9:00 h	**REGISTRATION AND BREAKSFAST**
WELCOME	
9:00 - 9:05 h	**WELCOME SPEECH** **Jesús Martínez Gómez** (*CNIC PhDay 2026 Coordinator*)
SESSION I	
9:05 - 9:20 h	**OPENING – Institutional Speech** **Pilar Martín** *(Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares (CNIC))*
9:20 - 10:45 h	**ROUND TABLE - Immunotherapy: advantages and disadvantages** **Francisco Sánchez Madrid** (*Jefe de Servicio Hospital Universitario de la Princesa*) **Francisco J. Cueto** (*Hospital Universitario La Paz*) **Gillian Dunphy** *(Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Cardiovasculares (CNIC))*
NETWORKING + LUNCH	
10:45 - 11:45 h	**Poster session + Group Photo**
11:45 - 12:45 h	**Lunch**
WORKSHOPS	

1st slot 13:00 – 13:40 h **2nd slot** 13:45 – 14:25 h **3rd slot** 14:30 – 15:10 h (order not defined yet)	1. Calculate your immune age: Chronic Inflammation in Aging and Disease (ENG) **María Mittelbrunn Herrero** *(CaixaResearch Institute)* 2. The bacterium that increases muscle strength in the absence of exercise training (ENG) **Borja Martínez Téllez** *(Universidad de Almería (UAL))* 3. Breaking down gluten: Engineering an enzyme for immune protection (ENG) **Francisco José Pérez Cano** *Instituto de Investigación en Nutrición y Seguridad Alimentaria de la Universidad de Barcelona (INSA-UB)* 4. From Bench to Business: Entrepreneurship in Immunology (ENG) **María Tristán Manzano** *(Universidad de Granada (UGR))* 5. Marine-Derived Compounds for Immune Modulation (ENG) **Eugenio Bustos Morán** *(Pharmamar)* 6. Tu doctorado, una puerta abierta al Departamento Médico en el Sector Biotecnológico y Sanitario (ESP) **Miguel Vela López** (*Talento EPHOS*)

15:15 - 15:35 h	**BREAK**
SESSION II	
15:35 – 16:05 h	**KEYNOTE LECTURE: A virologist journey to Antarctica** **Antonio Alcamí** *(Centro de Biologia Molecular Severo Ochoa (CBM))*
16:05 - 16:20 h	**Awards Ceremony**
CLOSING LECTURE	
16:20 - 17:05 h	**CLOSING LECTURE: Human immune variation learned from system immunology**

	Petter Brodin (*Karolinska Institutet)*
17:05 – 17:15 h	**CONCLUDING REMARKS** **Jesús Martínez Gómez** (*CNIC PhDay 2026 Coordinator*)
17:15 - 18:00 h	**COCKTAIL WITH PARTICIPANTS**