

# Matrix Biology Europe 2026

Oulu, 29.6 - 3.7.2026

*Tentative schedule. Changes are possible.*

## Monday June 29

- 14:00-19:00 *Registration MBE2026 onsite*
- 17:45-18:00 **Welcome words: Valerio Izzi**, Chairman of the organizing committee
- 18:00-19:00 **Youth session 1**  
Invited: **Konstantina Kyriakopoulou**, University of Patras  
Science, fun & more!
- 19:00-20:00 **Opening. Keynote lecture: Fiona Watt**, EMBL Heidelberg
- 20:00-21:30 *Welcome event & social gathering*

## Tuesday June 30

- 9:00-18:00 *Registration MBE2026*
- 9:00-10:30 **Plenary session 1. The scales of the matrix**  
Invited talk (30 min)  
*3 selected talks from abstracts (20 min)*
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-12:30 **Workshop 1. Mechanisms of matrix assembly**  
Invited talk #1 (30 min)  
Invited talk #2 (15 min) + *3 selected talks from abstracts (15 min)*
- 11:00-12:30 **Workshop 2. Proteoglycans in health & disease**  
*Invited talk (30 min)*  
*4 selected talks from abstracts (15 min)*
- 12:30-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:30 **Workshop 3. TBA**  
Invited talk (30 min)  
*4 selected talks from abstracts (15 min)*

- 14:00-15:30 **Workshop 4. Spicing up the matrix**  
Invited talk #1 (30 min)  
Invited talk #2 (15 min) + 3 *selected talks from abstracts* (15 min)
- 15:30-17:30 **Poster session 1**
- 18:30-20:00 *Oulu City Evening Reception*

### **Wednesday July 1**

- 9:00-18:00 Registration MBE2026
- 9:00-10:30 **Plenary session 2. Of matrix, cells, and tissues**  
Invited talk (30 min)  
*3 selected talks from abstracts (20 min)*
- 10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00-12:30 **Workshop 5. Stems cells & tissue regeneration**  
Invited talk (30 min)  
*4 selected talks from abstracts (15 min)*
- 11:00-12:30 **Workshop 6. Sweet matrices**  
Invited talk (30 min)  
*4 selected talks from abstracts (15 min)*
- 12:30-14:30 *Lunch*
- 12:30-14:30 *Matrix Biology Editorial Board Meeting (invitation only)*
- 14:30-15:30 **Rupert Timple Award Ceremony & Talk**
- 15:30-16:00 **Matrix Biology (MBE) Europe assembly**
- 16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*
- 16:30-18:00 **Workshop 7. ECM and cancer**  
Invited talk # 1(30 min)  
Invited talk #2 (15 min) + 3 *selected talks from abstracts* (15 min)
- 16:30-18:00 **Youth session 2**  
Navigating career paths
- 18:00-19:00 **International Society for Matrix Biology (ISMB) assembly**

## Thursday July 2

- 09:00-10:30 **Workshop 8. Sensing the matrix**  
Invited talk (30 min)  
*4 selected talks from abstracts (15 min)*
- 09:00-10:30 **Workshop 9. ECM targeting therapies**  
Invited talk (30 min)  
*4 selected talks from abstracts (15 min)*
- 10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00-13:00 **Poster session 2**
- 13:00-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:30 **Workshop 10. Matrix & Immunity**  
Invited talk (30 min)  
*4 selected talks from abstracts (15 min)*
- 14:00-15:30 **Workshop 11. Aging in the matrix**  
Invited talk (30 min)  
*4 selected talks from abstracts (15 min)*
- 19:00-24:00 **Gala Dinner (Radisson Blue Oulu)**

## Friday July 3

- 09:00-10:30 **Dick Heinegård Award Talks. Chair: Johanna Myllyharju, University of Oulu**  
Talks given by selected nominees of European Matrix Biology Societies
- 10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00-11:45 **Closing. Keynote lecture: Taina Pihlajaniemi, University of Oulu**
- 11:45-12:30 **Award ceremony & Closing of MBE2026**