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# Pathogens' Survival Strategies

from fundamentals to field

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Venue and language

Registration will take place **at Campus Rochus, Institute of Tropical Medicine, St. Rochusstraat 41, Antwerp, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2012 between 18.00 and 20.00 hrs and on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2012 between 08.15 and 08.45 hrs.**

All sessions will take place in the Aula P.G. Janssens in Campus Rochus. The colloquium language is English.

Lunches and coffee breaks will take place in the Forum at Campus Rochus and are included in the registration fee.

### Poster presentations

**Posters:** All posters will be available for the participants during the 3 days of the colloquium. However, the programme includes 2 dedicated 1-hour poster sessions (after lunch on Day 1 and 2). On Day 1 posters linked to colloquium themes 1,2 and 3 will be highlighted; on Day 2 posters linked to themes 4, 5 and 6 will be put in the spotlight. A prize will be awarded for the most ground-breaking and best presented poster at the end of the colloquium.

**If you wish to present a poster, please indicate so when registering.** Only posters linked to the **colloquium themes** will be accepted:

As we can only allow a limited number of posters, you are asked to submit a poster abstract for review by the organizing committee, using the **poster abstract form** before September 30, 2012. You will be informed on the outcome of the selection process by October 12, 2012.

### Practicalities <sup>1</sup>:

- Poster presenters are kindly asked to hand over their poster at the registration desk on Monday morning December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the latest.
- The maximum size of your poster must be 120 cm (h) x 90cm (b) in portrait. Posters that do not fit in this space will not be accepted.
- Posters can stay up for the full duration of the colloquium
- Poster presenters are kindly asked to be present during the dedicated poster session (Day 1 or 2 depending on the link with the colloquium theme)

**Flyers:** tables will be placed at the entrance of the Forum where you can deposit flyers, handouts of your presentation or other documents presenting your (net)work.



## Networking Facilities

The ITM is organizing interactive mix and mingle sessions during lunch breaks. Each registered participant will receive a set of 30 networking cards containing information on his/her professional activities and a coloured badge, indicating his/her field of expertise. This information is to be provided on the colloquium website during registration.

The ITM is willing to provide a meeting room for networking sessions after the colloquium. If you wish to take this opportunity, please contact [colloq2012@itg.be](mailto:colloq2012@itg.be), mentioning the name of your network, the meeting time and the expected number of participants. Meeting rooms are limited; there is no guarantee that a meeting room will be available until you receive written confirmation from us. Should you wish to take this opportunity, please contact [colloq2012@itg.be](mailto:colloq2012@itg.be) no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, 2012.

## Registration and fees

Due to the limited number of seats (180) we kindly request you to register as soon as possible. Registration will only be final after payment of the registration fee.  
(Invited participants do not need to register)

**The closing date for the registration is the 9<sup>th</sup> of November 2012.**

Registration fees have been kept as low as possible thanks to the generosity of the colloquium sponsors. The registration fee covers admission to all sessions, 30 networking cards per participant, morning coffee sessions, coffee breaks, lunches and the abstract book.

### Regular registration

Colloquium: 40 €

Walking dinner @ the Meir's Palace: 40 €

### ITM staff and ITM Master students

Colloquium: free registration

Walking dinner @ the Meir's Palace: 15 €

## Miscellaneous

### Passports, visa and travel

Participants are advised to check the validity of their passport and the requirements for a visa. A letter of invitation can be obtained from the colloquium secretariat upon request and after payment of the registration fee, but is not a commitment for the payment of any expenses.

Invited participants will receive assistance from the colloquium secretariat for their visa application.

### Liability

The Colloquium organisers are not responsible for any loss, accident or injury that may occur during the meeting.

### Insurance and medical assistance

Participants are advised to obtain appropriate travel insurance and need to have a proper health & accidents insurance as well as a civil liability insurance to ensure their entry into Belgium. Participants with an acute health problem can rely on the dispensary of ITM for medical assistance.



### Internet

The ITM offers free internet access. Some hotels do the same, however most of them will ask a fee.

### Weather

In December, the average temperature in Belgium can be as low as or even below 0°C and it may be rainy or snowy.

### Tourist information

The congress venue is located near to Antwerp's main shopping area and historical centre. For more information, visit [www.visitantwerpen.be](http://www.visitantwerpen.be).

## Accommodation and transport

Participants have to arrange their own accommodation. Hotel rooms can be booked by contacting the hotel of your choice.

Invited participants can rely on the colloquium secretariat for their travel and accommodation arrangements.

### Transport and approximate fees:

#### Arrival at [Brussels Airport](#)

Taxi to Antwerp	75 €
Brussels Airlines <a href="#">shuttle</a> to Antwerp Central Station (every hour, 45 min) ( at the airport bus platform)	10 €
Brussels Airlines <a href="#">train</a> to Antwerp Central Station (every hour, 35 min.)	10,20€

#### Arrival at Antwerp Airport

<a href="#">Taxi</a> to hotel	20 €
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#### Arrival at Anwerp Central Station

<a href="#">Taxi</a> to hotel	15 €
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## How to reach campus Rochus (congress venue)

How to reach the [Institute of Tropical Medicine](#) ?

How to reach [Campus Rochus](#)?



## Hotels in the neighbourhood of the congress venue

Please contact the hotel of your choice.

### **HOTEL IBIS** (150 rooms)

Meistraat 39 - 2000 Antwerp

Phone: 32-3-231.88.30

E-mail: [H1453@accor.com](mailto:H1453@accor.com)

Walking distance from congress venue: 5 minutes

Room charge (breakfast and wifi included)	single	88,50 €
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Hotel Ibis offers rooms at reduced prizes for our colloquium. Limited rooms available. Please so make your reservation as soon as possible. Please mention clearly that you are attending the "[ITM Colloquium](#)" (Institute of Tropical Medicine Antwerp).

### **ALFA THEATER HOTEL** (127 rooms)

Arenbergstraat 30 - 2000 Antwerp

Phone: 32-3-231.17.20

E-mail: [info@theater-hotel.be](mailto:info@theater-hotel.be)

Walking distance from congress venue: 5 minutes

Room charge (breakfast included)	single	165 €
	double	185 €
	double	90 €

### **BANKS HOTEL** (70 rooms)

Steenhouwersvest 55 – 2000 Antwerp

Phone: 32-3-232.40.02

E-mail: [info@hotelbanks.com](mailto:info@hotelbanks.com)

Walking distance from congress venue: 5 minutes

Room charge (breakfast and wifi included)	single	99 €
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### **RESIDENTIE 't ELZENVELD** (34 rooms, 6 apartments)

Lange Gasthuisstraat 45 – 2000 Antwerp

Phone: 32-3-202 77 70

E-mail: [fo@elzenveld.be](mailto:fo@elzenveld.be)

Waking distance from congress venue: 10 minutes

Room charge (breakfast included)	single	76 €
	double	99 €



## Hostels

### HOTEL RUBENSHOF

Amerikalei 115-117 – 2000 Antwerp

Phone: 32-3-237 07 89

E-mail: [hotel@rubenshof.be](mailto:hotel@rubenshof.be)

Walking distance from congress venue: 10 minutes

Room charge (breakfast included)	single private shower	55 €
	double private shower	76 €

### YOUTH HOSTEL 'PULCINELLA'

Bogaardeplein 1 – 2000 Antwerp

Phone: 32-3-234 03 14

E-mail: [Antwerpen@vjh.be](mailto:Antwerpen@vjh.be)

Walking distance from congress venue: 10 minutes

Room charge (breakfast included) (Basic but modern accommodation)	double (private sanitary) (+26y)	22,80 €
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<sup>i</sup> **Exceptionally and only in well-motivated cases**, ITM can offer a printing service on the condition that the poster is submitted in an adequate format before November 15<sup>th</sup> 2012. **Please motivate your request** when sending your poster abstract to [colloq2012@itg.be](mailto:colloq2012@itg.be) if you would like to apply for this service.