

ANAEROBE 2026

July 7-10, at Columbia University
Irving Medical Center
New York, New York

**18th Biennial Congress of the
Anaerobe Society of the Americas**

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

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The Anaerobe Society of the Americas (ASA) hosts its 18th Biennial Congress—**ANAEROBE 2026**—July 7-10, 2026 on the beautiful campus of Columbia University Irving Medical Center. This unique meeting brings together investigators and practitioners from around the world, with a common interest in anaerobic bacteria and their role in human and animal health, disease, and our environment. The Congress will consist of invited speakers, oral presentations, and poster presentations.

The **ANAEROBE 2026** Program Committee invites research and clinical papers of high quality for both Oral and Poster Presentations. Abstract submissions will be peer-reviewed for quality, scientific content, and logical presentation.

The **ANAEROBE 2026** Congress takes place at the Columbia University Irving Medical Center in New York, NY, USA. Hotel accommodation will be available at the Hotel Belleclaire, and social activities will allow attendees to experience the various cultural and natural offerings of this vibrant city.

ANAEROBE CONGRESS

Tuesday, July 7–Friday, July 10, 2026 — Oral & Poster Presentations, Industry Exhibits
Tuesday–Wednesday, July 7–8, 2026 — Keynote Address, Opening Reception & Buffet Dinner
Friday, July 10, 2026 — Congress Reception & Banquet and Awards

IMPORTANT DATES

January 1, 2026 — Oral Abstract Submission Deadline

February 1, 2026 — Poster Abstract Submission Deadline

June 1, 2026 — Early Registration & Hotel Reservation Deadline

For Additional Congress Information:

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TOPICS

The role of Anaerobes in:

- Biofilms & Anaerobic Bacterial Communities
- Human & Animal Infections
- Environmental Reservoirs
- Reproductive Health & Pregnancy
- Oral & Dental Health & Disease
- New Antimicrobials & Resistance
- Diagnostic Methods
- New Approaches for Characterizing Anaerobic Communities & Their Functions, including Proteomics, Metabolomics & Next-Generation Sequencing
- Prebiotics, Probiotics & Synbiotics
- Bacterial Replacement Therapy including Fecal Microbiome Transplants & Use of Synthetic Communities

Focus on species:

- *Clostridioides difficile* Disease (Epidemiology, Prevention Treatment)
- *Bacteroides* spp.
- *Fusobacterium* spp. and other cancer-promoting pathogens
- *Gardnerella vaginalis* & Anaerobes that Characterize the Vaginal Environment
- *Clostridium* spp. (non-difficile)
- *Porphyromonas* spp. and other orally related species
- Emerging & Newly Identified Pathogens

Abstract Submission

The presenting author should submit the abstract. The presenting author needs to provide the contact information on the *Abstract Submission Form* and indicate a preference of oral or poster presentation. Communications will be made with the presenting author only.

Accepted abstracts will be assigned as oral presentations (limited to 10 minutes) or poster presentations (presentation format will be detailed on acceptance). By submitting an abstract, the presenting author agrees that, if accepted, the paper will be presented as assigned.

Abstract Format

Abstracts must be in English and will be published exactly in the form and condition submitted by author. Abstracts are limited to 2400 characters including spaces, title and authors—Text only, no tables or figures.

The header should include (1) the entire title capitalized—do not use abbreviations; (2) authors listed as surname followed by first and middle initials, with an asterisk after the presenting author's name (outside punctuation); and (3) affiliation, stating institution, city, state/province, and country (if authors are from multiple institutions, use superscripted numbers to indicate authors' affiliations). Separate the title from the authors with a blank line; separate affiliation from the text with a blank line. See sample on the Abstract Submission Form below.

Abstracts should include the following:

- ◆ A statement of the purpose (preferably one sentence).
- ◆ Summary of methods and results (presented in sufficient detail to support the conclusion). Do not include tables or figures in abstracts, though they are encouraged in presentations and posters.
- ◆ Statement of conclusion reached, supported by results.

Guidelines for Submission

All abstracts must be submitted in English in WORD

Format as an attachment to an email sent to: congress@anaerobe.org

The first page of the submission should include all the information requested on the Abstract Submission Form (below). Multiple abstracts can be submitted on separate pages of the document. Abstracts are limited to 2400 characters (text only), including spaces, title, and authors.

Abstract Deadline

The deadline for Oral Abstract Presentation is January 1, 2026. Notice of acceptance will be emailed to the submitting author by March 1, 2026. Abstracts not accepted for Oral Presentation will be assigned to Poster Presentations.

The deadline for Poster Presentations is February 1, 2026. Notice of acceptance will be emailed to submitting author by April 1, 2026.

Acceptance Awards

Abstracts accepted for Oral Presentation will have the basic registration fee (dinner ticket excluded) waived for the presenter (one presenter per accepted paper).

Best Abstract will be selected from among the Poster Presentations and awarded the *Finegold Award*, to be announced at the Congress Banquet.

Young Investigator's Awards

Graduate and Undergraduate Students are encouraged to enter the *Young Investigator's Competition*. Finalists will be chosen from submitted abstracts, and poster presentations will be judged at the Congress. Finalists will be given Congress Banquet Tickets, where the winners will be announced. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three presenters.

Depending on funding, limited *Student Registration Assistance Grants* may be available. To apply, check box on submission form and include a statement of need with abstract submission.

Abstract Submission Form

Submit the following information with Abstract submission.

First Name _____ Surname _____ Degree _____

Institution _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail _____

Presentation Preference: ☐ Oral ☐ Poster ☐ Wish to enter *Young Investigator's Competition* (attach evidence of student status)
☐ Wish to apply for *Student Registration & Assistance Grant* (submit statement of need)

Sample Abstract:

See Submission Guidelines for delivery instructions.

Abstract Submission Deadlines

Oral: January 1, 2026

Poster: February 1, 2026

THE INTERNATIONAL ANAEROBE QUALITY ASSURANCE SCHEME (IAQAS)

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A voluntary quality assurance scheme for anaerobe reference laboratories or laboratories specializing in working with anaerobic bacteria from clinical origin has been established. Participants in Cardiff, Los Angeles, Edinburgh and Helsinki take turns in...