



6th Swiss Young Microbiologists Symposium (SYMS 2026) Zurich | 12 June 2026

Dear SSM Members,

Please find below the announcement and details of the
6th Swiss Young Microbiologists Symposium:

Dear Young Researchers,

We are excited to announce the sixth instalment of the **Swiss Young Microbiologists Symposium (SYMS; <https://www.syms.ch/>)** aimed at promoting young scientists across Switzerland.

The 6th Swiss Young Microbiologists Symposium to be held in person on the 12th of June 2026, at the University Hospital Zurich, is a collaboration between the **Institute for Food Safety and Hygiene, University of Zurich**, the **American Society for Microbiology (ASM)**, **Swiss Society for Food Hygiene (SGLH)**, and the **University Hospital Zurich**.

This unique event targets undergraduate, graduate, post-graduate, and postdoc researchers from Switzerland in all fields of microbiology. The symposium aims to enhance data exchange and improve early-career scientists presentation skills by affording them a platform to share their project ideas and latest results. Participants will get input and feedback from peers improving their presentation skills and getting new insights to enhance their research. We hope that this event will further encourage and foster networking, collaboration, data exchange, and resource sharing. For continued education, keynote lectures focusing on the latest scientific developments and career advancement will be given.

Awards: six presenter prizes for the oral and poster sessions will be awarded to the best presenters as defined by a jury (1st place: 300 CHF each, plus certificate and annual ASM membership). At the end, there will be an open-ended mixer to further network.

Be part of this unique symposium uniting young microbiologists throughout Switzerland.

Participation is FREE! Tea break snacks and lunch will be provided! You can register with or without an abstract.

Abstract submission deadline is the 8th of May 2026. Attendance registration deadline is the 11th of June 2026. The authors of selected abstracts will be notified by the 15th of May 2026.

Abstract Submission [here](#)

Registration [here](#)