



A stylized illustration of the Hong Kong skyline. The scene is set against a light blue sky with a few white clouds and a bright yellow sun. In the foreground, a dark blue body of water reflects the sky. The skyline is composed of various iconic buildings and landmarks: on the left, a red pagoda; next to it, a tall yellow and blue skyscraper; followed by a cluster of blue skyscrapers, including the Bank of China Tower. In the center, a large blue skyscraper stands prominently. To its right, a cable-stayed bridge spans the water, with a red and white building at its base. Further right, a tall orange clock tower is visible, followed by a large green Buddha statue. Next to the Buddha is a traditional Chinese building with a red roof. On the far right, a tall blue skyscraper and a large Ferris wheel are depicted. The overall style is clean and modern, using a limited color palette of blues, yellows, reds, and greens.

Monday 12th October 2026

Time	Activity	Speakers
08:30-09:00	<i>Registration</i>	
09:00-09:15	Opening remarks: Organizing Committee and ISRV	<i>Sook-San Wong, Rebecca Cox and Ben Cowling</i>
Topic 1: Overview of Progress and Challenges against Seasonal Respiratory Viruses		
09:15-10:00	1.1 Global Overview and Current Challenges in the Control of Respiratory Viruses	<i>Maria Zambon</i>
10:00-10:45	1.2 Disease Burden of Respiratory Viruses - Clinical Perspective	<i>David Hui</i>
10:45-11:15	<i>Refreshment break</i>	
11:15-12:00	1.3 Disease Burden of Respiratory Viruses - Public Health Perspective	<i>Ben Cowling</i>
12:00-12:45	1.4 Global Overview and Threats of Zoonotic Influenza Viruses	<i>Richard Webby</i>
12:45-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00-14:40	1.5 Vaccine Landscapes	<i>Rebecca Cox</i>
14:40-15:10	1.6 Correlates of Protection	<i>Rebecca Cox</i>
15:10-15:30	1.7 ISRV Education Program Introduction	<i>Lucy Owen</i>
15:30-16:00	<i>Refreshment break</i>	
16:00-18:00	1.8 Icebreaker/Poster Session 1	

Tuesday 13th October 2026

Topic 2: Advances in Respiratory Virus research (Virology, Pathology and Immunology, Transmission, Phylogenomics and Evolution)

Time	Activity	Speakers
09:00-09:45	2.1 Virology and Pathogenesis: Influenza and Coronavirus	<i>Mark Tompkins</i>
09:45-10:30	2.2 Virology and Immunopathogenesis of RSV	<i>Ryan Thwaites</i>
10:30-11:00	<i>Refreshment break</i>	
11:00-11:45	2.3 Cellular Immunity: B and T Cells	<i>Wuji Zhang</i>
11:45-12:30	2.4 Structural Biology, Vaccine Designs and Population Immunity	<i>Julianna Han</i>
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:00-14:45	2.5 Phylodynamics of Influenza, SARS-CoV-2 and RSV	<i>Vijaykrishna Dhanasekaran</i>
14:45-16:30	2.5a Workshop: Decoding Phylogenetics and Virus Evolution	<i>Vijaykrishna Dhanasekaran</i>
16:30-18:00	2.6 Icebreaker/Poster Session 2 (<i>Refreshment break</i>)	

Wednesday 14th October 2026

Topic 3: Overview of Progress and Challenges against Zoonotic Viruses		
Time	Activity	Speakers
09:00-09:45	3.1 The Science of Interspecies Transmission (Spillovers)	<i>Mark Zanin</i>
09:45-10:30	3.2 One Health Challenges in China / East Asia	<i>Yuelong Shu</i>
10:30-10:45	<i>Refreshment break</i>	
10:45-11:30	3.3 One Health Challenges in Southeast Asia	<i>Erik Karlsson</i>
11:30-12:15	3.4 One Health Challenges in the Middle East / African Region	<i>Ghazi Kayali</i>
12:15-13:30	<i>Lunch, followed by a Special Video Presentation</i>	
14:00-17:00	3.6 Field Trip: History of Public Health and Infectious Diseases in Hong Kong	

Thursday 15th October 2026

Topic 4: Epidemiology, Modelling and Public Health Impacts		
Time	Activity	Speakers
09:00-09:45	4.1 Transmission of Respiratory Viruses	<i>Nancy Leung</i>
09:45-10:30	4.2 Prevention and Control	<i>Ben Cowling</i>
10:30-11:00	<i>Refreshment break</i>	
11:00-11:45	4.3 Vaccine Efficacy and Effectiveness	<i>Sheena Sullivan</i>
11:45-12:30	4.4 Nowcasting and Forecasting	<i>Tim Tsang</i>
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch (Workshops on Scientific and Grant Writing)</i>	Grant Writing: Ryan Thwaites, Maria Zhu and Richard Webby. Scientific Writing: Amanda Williams, Tim Tsang and Ben Cowling
14:00-14:45	4.5 Influenza Vaccine Strain Selection	<i>Richard Webby</i>
14:45-15:30	4.5a Workshop Epi: Influenza Vaccine Strain Selection	<i>Richard Webby, Nancy Leung and Sheena Sullivan</i>
15:30-16:00	<i>Refreshment break</i>	
16:00-17:00	4.5a (cont.) Workshop Epi: Influenza Vaccine Strain Selection	<i>Richard Webby, Nancy Leung and Sheena Sullivan</i>

Friday 16th October 2026

Topic 5: Tools/Social Sciences/Behavioural Sciences

Time	Activity	Speakers
09:00-09:45	5.1 Vaccine Hesitancy	<i>Joseph Wu</i>
09:45-10:30	5.2 Health Equity Challenges in Respiratory Viruses	<i>Frank Konings</i>
10:30-11:00	<i>Refreshment break</i>	
11:00-11:45	5.3 Next-Generation Tools in Respiratory Virology: From Molecular Insights to Global Surveillance	<i>Leo Poon</i>
11:45-12:30	5.4 AI in Medical Research (Lecture and Workshop)	<i>Qingpeng Zhang</i>
12:30-14:00	<i>Lunch (So you want to be a....)</i>	<i>Mark Tompkins, Julianna Han, Ghazi Kayali and Frank Konings</i>
14:00-14:45	5.5 Mentorship Roundtable	<i>All Faculty</i>
14:45-16:00	5.6 Pathway to Implementation: Translating Science to Health Policies (Panel Discussion)	<i>Gabriel Leung, Maria Zambon and Yuelong Shu</i>
16:00-16:15	<i>Refreshment break</i>	
16:15-16:45	Closing Remarks and Moving Forward and Award Ceremony	<i>Sook-San Wong and Rebecca Cox</i>
18:00 - 20:00	<i>Closing Dinner</i>	