



# ZAMBI

Zoonoses, AMR, and  
Bioinformatics (ZAMBI)  
Meeting

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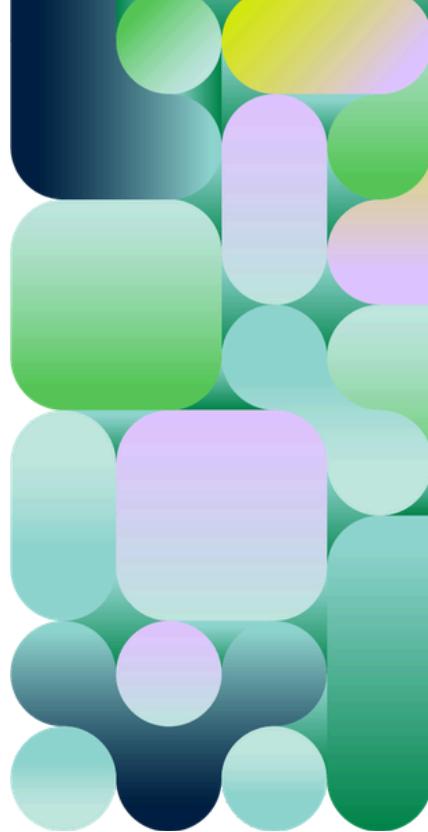
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# About ZAMBI

The Zoonoses, AMR, and Bioinformatics (ZAMBI) meeting brings together cross-disciplinary researchers and trainees working at the intersection of antimicrobial resistance, emerging zoonotic diseases, and computational biology to share their research and develop new cross-cutting one health skills. This meeting is a joint effort of three CIHR Health Research Training Platforms: Can-AMR-Net, Canopy, and the Canadian Bioinformatics Hub's Atlantic node.



## Organising Committee

**ZAMBI 2026** is made possible through the collaborative efforts of our organizing committee:

- **Finlay Maguire**, Dalhousie University / Canopy / CBH Atlantic
- **Caroline Ritter**, UPEI - Atlantic Veterinary College / Can-AMR-Net
- **Robert Beiko**, Dalhousie University / CBH Atlantic
- **Natalie Diether**, Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus / CBH Atlantic
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- **Tarra Penney**, York University / Canopy
- **Natasha Bowser**, Université de Montréal / Canopy
- **Ben Fisher**, Dalhousie University / CBH Atlantic
- **Golsa Kafili**, University of Calgary / Can-AMR-Net



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# About the Venue

The meeting will be primarily hosted in central Halifax within the Marion McCain Arts & Social Sciences Building on Dalhousie's Studley Campus. A spacious central atrium connects the main entrance to the Ondaatje and Scotiabank Auditoriums in which scientific presentations will take place. This atrium will serve as the primary gathering space throughout the event, hosting food/drink during breaks and poster sessions alongside sponsor tables and exhibition areas. The natural flow of attendees through this space ensures consistent visibility for sponsors across the full duration of the meeting.



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## About Dalhousie University

Founded in 1818, Dalhousie University is among Canada's oldest universities and is the Maritime's leading research-intensive university and a member of the U15 group. With over 21,000 students across 13 faculties, the university is spread over 6 campuses across Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Its Studley Campus, located in the South End of Halifax, has been the heart of the institution since the early 20th century.

Dalhousie's Agricultural Campus located in Bible Hill (approximately one hour's drive from Halifax) is home to the only university-level agriculture faculty in Atlantic Canada. Originally founded in 1905 as the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, the campus joined Dalhousie in 2012 and now encompasses nearly 1,000 acres of research fields, working farm facilities, gardens, and greenhouses.

# Attendee Profile

Our attendees will include trainees, faculty, and medical/veterinary professions working across:

## **Evolution:**

Evolutionary theory and analytical approaches (such as phylogenetics/phylodynamics and experimental studies) are central to tracking the change and spread of pathogens and pathogen traits including antimicrobial resistance across interconnected human, animal, and environmental systems. These analyses underpin One Health approaches by generating actionable evidence for risk assessment and preparedness. They also directly inform policy decisions and multi-sector systems change, enabling more resilient surveillance architectures, targeted interventions, and cross-disciplinary governance.

## **Environmental Ecology and Microbial Communities:**

Field-based environmental sequencing, eDNA, community ecology, and microbiome research are regularly used to characterize the ecological interactions that shape health across human, animal, and environmental systems. These insights guide One Health responses such as microbiome stewardship, informing environmental and public-health policy, and enable systems-level changes that improve ecosystem resilience, surveillance, and resource management.

## **Experimental and Translational One Health Research:**

Applied laboratory and translational research (including on novel therapeutics and vaccines) are key preparedness and response activities to address risks from emerging zoonotic pathogens and growing antimicrobial resistance across the One Health spectrum. This diverse area of research is driven by cross-sector collaboration and also generates key evidence for policy and operational decision-making while incorporating engagement strategies that enhance impact.

# Sponsorship Packagees

	Platinum \$5,000	Gold \$2,500	Silver \$1,500	Bronze \$500
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Sponsor Limit	3	4	4	N/A
Complimentary registrations	3	2	1	0
Logo on website & program	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition on social media	✓	✓	✓	✓
Recognition at start of each day, verbally & on overhead	✓	✓	✓	✗
Banner in main session room (sponsor-provided)	✓	✓	✓	✗
Sponsor table at symposium (6' x 2', preferred location)	✓	✓	✓	✗
Sponsor profile on website & social media	✓	✓	✗	✗
Right of first choice <i>(details on next page)</i>	✓	✗	✗	✗

# Platinum Sponsor Details

\$5,000 CAD



Only three Platinum sponsorships available.

- **Right of First Choice (Platinum Sponsors Only)**
  - Right of first choice will be given to Platinum sponsors in the order that sponsorship is confirmed, with a deadline of June 15, 2025, after which opportunities will be opened to Gold and Silver sponsors
  - Right of first choice applies to: (1) Location of stand-up banner in main session room, (2) location of sponsor table
- Receive three complimentary registrations
  - Includes all 3.5 days of symposium, all sessions, and meals (breakfast, lunch, and snacks on first two days, breakfast and snack on third day)
  - Does not include travel and accommodation
- Logo will appear on symposium website, symposium program, and social media posts
- Recognition at start of each day, verbally and on overhead
- Your own stand-up banner in the main session room
  - Banner to be provided by company
- Sponsor table
  - 6' x 2' table in preferred, high-traffic location
- Standalone sponsor profile on our website, also posted to social media, in advance of the symposium

# Gold Sponsor Details

\$2,500 CAD

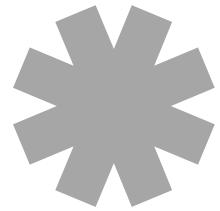


Only four Gold sponsorships available.

- Receive two complimentary registrations
  - Includes all 3.5 days of symposium, all sessions, and meals (breakfast, lunch, and snacks on first two days, breakfast and snack on third day)
  - Does not include travel and accommodation
- Logo will appear on symposium website, symposium program, and social media posts
- Recognition at start of each day, verbally and on overhead
- Your own stand-up banner in the main session room
  - Banner to be provided by company
- Standalone sponsor profile on our website, also posted to social media, in advance of the symposium
- Sponsor table
  - 6' x 2' table in preferred, high-traffic location

# Silver Sponsor Details

\$1,500 CAD

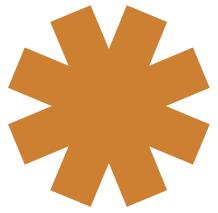


Only four Silver sponsorships available.

- Receive one complimentary registration
  - Includes all 3.5 days of symposium, all sessions, and meals (breakfast, lunch, and snacks on first two days, breakfast and snack on third day)
  - Does not include travel and accommodation
- Logo will appear on symposium website, symposium program, and social media posts
- Recognition at start of each day, verbally and on overhead
- Your own stand-up banner in the main session room
  - Banner to be provided by company
- Sponsor table
  - 6' x 2' table in conference venue

# Bronze Sponsor Details

\$500 CAD



- Advertising-only package
- Logo will appear on symposium website, symposium program, and social media posts
- Recognition at start of each day, verbally and on overhead

# Get in Touch!

We are seeking sponsors who share our commitment to advancing One Health research and Bioinformatics in Atlantic Canada. Sponsorship packages are available at a range of levels to suit different goals and budgets — whether you are looking to build brand recognition, recruit talent, or engage directly with the research community. Please reach out to **Prof. Zhenyu Cheng** at [Zhenyu.Cheng@dal.ca](mailto:Zhenyu.Cheng@dal.ca) to learn more or secure your spot.

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