

ISPAR Meeting 2026 — “Blue Drapes and Red Flags”

8 April 2026 · Antwerp, Belgium

Be part of the next ISPAR meeting in Antwerp!

Join colleagues and experts from across the World for a full-day event dedicated to perioperative allergy. The 2026 edition, *“Blue Drapes and Red Flags,”* will explore the latest advances in diagnostics, service organization, and communication strategies in perioperative allergy management.

The meeting has been scheduled on the day before the EAACI Drug Hypersensitivity Meeting (DHM) which takes place on 9-11 April 2026. For those interested in attending both, separate registration is required via EAACI for the DHM, but accommodation for both meetings can be booked via the link below.

[Register now to secure your place — registration closes on 31 March 2026.](#)

Learning Objectives

- Understand the **logistics and coordination** required to set up a perioperative allergy service.
- Get the latest updates on **skin testing, in vitro testing, and drug provocation** procedures.
- Learn effective **communication strategies** for sharing results with patients and healthcare professionals.

Abstract Submission

Share your research and contribute to the scientific exchange.

- **Submission deadline:** 15 January 2026
- **Notification of acceptance:** Mid-February 2026
- **Language:** English
- **Length:** Maximum 350 words
- **Presentation formats:** Oral presentation, poster presentation, or e-poster
- **Prize for best abstract presentation has been donated by the Briess family in memory of Alexandra Briess**

[Submit your abstract via this link](#)

Practical Information

Date: 8 April 2026

Time: 09:15 – 20:00

Venue: KAVA Congress Centre (KCC), Antwerp

Language: English

Registration fee: €120 (VAT included) — includes lunch, coffee breaks, and evening reception

Registration deadline: 31 March 2026

[Register here now](#)

Accommodation

Book hotel for ISPAR meeting (and DHM meeting if required). [You can find a booking link here.](#)

Programme

Time	Session	Speaker(s)
09:15 – 09:30	Welcome	
09:30 – 10:30	Red flags, risk factors, and differential diagnosis	Sarah Green (Australia)
	Practical organization of perioperative hypersensitivity investigation	José Julio Laguna (Spain)
10:30 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 12:30	Skin testing: concentrations, methods, pitfalls	Lene Heise Garvey (Denmark)
	Practical approach to in vitro testing (IgE, tryptase)	Tomonori Takazawa (Japan)
	Updates on basophil and mast cell activation tests	Didier Ebo (Belgium)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch / Poster session	
14:00 – 15:30	What to do when testing is negative	Alexei Gonzales-Estrada (USA)
	Drug provocation: different approaches	Linda Nel (UK)
	Causes of perioperative allergy: common and hidden allergens	Charles Tacquard (France)
15:30 – 16:00	Break	
16:00 – 17:00	Anaesthetic strategies to prevent future reactions in test-positive patients	Aurélie Gouel (France)
	ISPAR RedCAP database implementation	Nils Vlaeminck (Belgium)
17:00 – 17:15	Break	
17:15 – 18:15	Real-life impact of perioperative anaphylaxis: patient and family perspectives	Louise Savic (UK) David Briess (UK)
18:15	Networking reception	

Accommodation and Travel

About Antwerp

Antwerp, a metropolis on a human scale, welcomes you with open arms. This city, despite its modest size, houses Europe's largest port area and a rich blend of cultures from over 170 nationalities. Explore a variety of experiences, from shopping and museums to start-up hubs and gourmet delights. Rubens' historical home, the global diamond trade hub, and quality hotels are all a leisurely stroll away. Antwerp seamlessly weaves heritage and innovation, creating a haven where quality of life thrives.

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About the venue

The KAVA Congress Centre (KCC) is one of Antwerp's most beautifully situated conference venues. Housed in a building that once served as the headquarters of the Royal Pharmacists Association of Antwerp, KCC offers a blend of historic charm and modern facilities. The centre is designed to accommodate a wide range of events, from small meetings to large conferences, with spaces equipped with state-of-the-art audiovisual technology and internet connectivity. A spacious garden serves as a tranquil focal point within the venue, providing a serene environment for attendees. KCC is easily accessible by public transport and offers free underground parking for visitors and organisers.

Discover more: <https://www.kavacongrescentrum.be/en/home-english/>

Travel

How to get to the Venue

More information about how to get to KAVA Congress Centre, by train, by plane or by car is [indicated on the website of KCC](#).

If you have further questions about how to reach the venue, you can always contact UZA conferences and events via events@uza.be.

Antwerp a Gateway to Europe

Antwerp offers easy accessibility by plane, train and car

Antwerp Central Station is under 40 minutes by train or bus transfer from Brussels Airport. The station has excellent high speed train connections to Paris, London, Amsterdam (Schiphol) with Thalys, Eurostar or Deutsche Bahn.

- Excellent connections to Brussels Airport (47 km from the city centre)
Brussels Airport has direct flights to major European and long-haul destinations
- Antwerp International airport (8 km from the city centre)
- Other airports nearby
 - Eindhoven (60')
 - Rotterdam (64')

- Amsterdam (65')
- Charleroi (1,5h)
- Ostend (1,5h)
- Düsseldorf (3h)

Getting around in Antwerp

Getting around in Antwerp is pretty easy. Antwerp is a small and walkable city but it sure offers other (sustainable) ways to discover the city.

BY TAXI OR UBER

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SHARED MOBILITY

Antwerp provides a lot of shared mobility offers such as bikes, steps and scooters. You can find all the different options, operators and rates [here](#).

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Antwerp has got a broad network of public transport existing of trams, trains, busses, metro's and even boats. You can find more information [here](#).

We will reserve several rooms at different quality hotels close to our event venue.