

| MONDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026- SATELLITE MEETINGS |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| 08:00  | Registration in the Concert Hall          |   |   |   |
| 09:00 – 10:30  | Fish Satellite<br>Kelvin Gallery<br>(413) | Arthropod Satellite<br>Humanities<br>Lecture Theatre<br>(255) | Amphioxus Satellite<br>Lecture Theatre<br>(466) | Platynereis and other<br>annelids Satellite<br>East Quad Lecture<br>Theatre (226) |
| 10:30 – 11:00  | Coffee Break, Kelvin Gallery              |   |   |   |
| 11:00 – 12:30  | Fish Satellite<br>Kelvin Gallery<br>(413) | Arthropod Satellite<br>Humanities Lecture<br>Theatre (255)    | Amphioxus Satellite<br>Lecture Theatre<br>(466) | Platynereis and other<br>annelids Satellite<br>East Quad Lecture<br>Theatre (226) |
| 12:30 – 13:30  | Packed Lunch, Kelvin Gallery              |   |   |   |
| 13:30 – 15:30<br>(maximum)                           | Fish Satellite<br>Kelvin Gallery<br>(413) | Arthropod Satellite<br>Humanities Lecture<br>Theatre (255)    | Amphioxus Satellite<br>Lecture Theatre<br>(466) | Platynereis and other<br>annelids Satellite<br>East Quad Lecture<br>Theatre (226) |
| 15:30 – 16:00  | Coffee Break, Kelvin Gallery              |   |   |   |
| 16:00<br>onwards                                     | Fish Satellite<br>Kelvin Gallery<br>(413) | Arthropod Satellite<br>Humanities Lecture<br>Theatre (255)    | Amphioxus Satellite<br>Lecture Theatre<br>(466) | Platynereis and other<br>annelids Satellite<br>East Quad Lecture<br>Theatre (226) |

| TUESDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026- SATELLITE MEETINGS AND START OF MAIN MEETING |  |  |  |   |
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| 08:00   | Registration in the Concert Hall   |  |  |   |
| 09:00 – 10:30   | Fish Satellite<br>Kelvin Gallery<br>(413)  | Arthropod Satellite<br>Humanities Lecture<br>Theatre (255) | Amphioxus Satellite<br>Lecture Theatre (466) | Platynereis and other<br>annelids Satellite<br>East Quad Lecture<br>Theatre (226) |
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| 15:30 – 16:00   | Coffee Break, Hunter Halls   |  |  |   |
|   | <b>Start of the Main Meeting</b>   |  |  |   |
| 16:00 - 17:00   | Opening Keynote – Bute Hall<br>Kevin Lala, <i>University of St Andrews</i><br>Evolution Evolving: The Developmental Origins of Adaptation and Biodiversity |  |  |   |
| 18:00 onwards   | Civic Reception<br>Glasgow City Chambers   |  |  |   |

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026 – SECOND DAY**

08:00 Registration, The Concert Hall

09:00 - 10:40

"Theory" in Humanities Lecture Theatre (255)

**S06- Evolution through simplification and loss**

|                        |  |                   |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 09:00 - 09:25<br>S06.1 | Stepwise loss of recombination preceeded the origin of asexuality in <i>Schmidtea mediterranea</i> | Jeremias N. Brand |
| 09:25 - 09:50<br>S06.2 | Evolution through simplification and loss – A panarthropod perspective                             | Ralf Janssen      |
| 09:50 - 10:15<br>S06.3 | Small but mighty: How miniaturization shapes metazoan evolution                                    | Katrine Worsaae   |
| 10:15 - 10:40<br>S06.4 | Loss-driven genomic remodeling enables a freshwater–marine transition in a teleost                 | Filipe Castro     |

09:00 - 10:40

"Molecular" in Bute Hall

**S02- From cell type- to tissue-evolution**

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|------------------------|---|----------------|
| 09:00 - 09:25<br>S02.1 | Principles of cell type and tissue evolution: Origin and centralisation of the nervous system | Detlev Arendt  |
| 09:25 - 09:50<br>S02.2 | Evolutionary assembly of vertebrate digestive organs  | Arun Chavan    |
| 09:50 - 10:15<br>S02.3 | Metabolic complementation between cells drives the evolution of tissues and organs            | James DiFrisco |
| 10:15 - 10:40<br>S02.4 | Whole genome duplication drove cell-type evolution in the vertebrate brain                    | Yuanzhen Zhu   |

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“Physiology” in Kelvin Gallery

**S04- Mechanical Forces in EvoDevo**09:00 - 09:25  
S04.1Mechanics of the cleavage pattern of the brown alga *Fucus* embryo

Bénédicte Charrier

09:25 - 09:50  
S04.2

The mechanics of crocodile and tortoise head scale patterning

Rory Cooper

09:50 - 10:15  
S04.3

The origin and evolution of animal morphogenesis: insights from choanoflagellates

Thibaut Brunet

10:15 - 10:40  
S04.4

Evolution of gastrulation as a mechanically constrained process

Steffen Lemke

09:00 - 10:40

“Specific Systems” in East Quad Lecture Theatre

**S08- Integrative Perspectives on Craniofacial Evo-Devo**09:00 - 09:25  
S08.1

Evolutionary transition of the vertebrate pituitary from a pharyngeal gland revealed in embryos of basal fishes

Agata Horckova

09:25 - 09:50  
S08.2

Building vertebrate facial shape diversity from a conserved embryonic framework

Marketa Kaucka

09:50 - 10:15  
S08.3

The Pteraspid Paradox and the evolution of the vertebrate cranial dermal skeleton

Joseph Keating

10:15 - 10:40  
S08.4

Fundamental Reorganization of the Amniote Facial Developmental Framework in Mammalian Evolution

Hiroki Higashiyama

10:40 - 11:05

Coffee Break, in Hunter Halls

11:05 - 12:30

"Theory" in Humanities Lecture Theatre (255)

**C06- Evolution through simplification and loss**11:05 - 11:19  
C06.1“Less, but more”: evolutionary innovation following massive gene loss in *Oikopleura dioica*

Cristian Cañestro

11:19 - 11:33  
C06.2

How to lose your gut: the genomic mechanisms of parasitism loss in lampreys

Arne Jacobs

11:33 - 11:47  
C06.3

Faster and smaller: heterochronic shift in gene expression leads to larval onset of spermatogenesis and miniaturized males

Alice Rouan

11:47 - 12:01  
C06.4

Decoding the developmental genetic basis of song loss in rapidly evolving crickets

Jae Walker

12:01 - 12:15  
C06.5Morphological and molecular underpinnings of developmental truncation and loss of pectoral fins across life stages in the pipefish *Nerophis ophidion*

Ralf Schneider

12:15 - 12:29  
C06.6

Developmental mechanisms underlying the evolution of visual system degeneration

Johanna Kowalko

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“Molecular” in Bute Hall

**C02- From cell type- to tissue-evolution**

|                        |  |                            |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 11:05 - 11:19<br>C02.1 | Comparative transcriptomics reveals dynamic cell-type evolution in teleost gonads  | Francisca Hervas-Sotomayor |
| 11:19 - 11:33<br>C02.2 | Hierarchical determination of organ identity - examples from arthropods  | Ariel D. Chipman           |
| 11:33 - 11:47<br>C02.3 | Endometrial cell innovations underlying the acquisition of menstruation in primates  | Eulalie Liorzou            |
| 11:47 - 12:01<br>C02.4 | The Role of Body Size in the Evolution of Tissues and Organs   | Arsham Nejad Kourki        |
| 12:01 - 12:15<br>C02.5 | How do complex organs arise? Exploration of the pancreatic-like cell composition of a sea urchin by differential single-cell transcriptomics | Maria Lorenza Rusciano     |
| 12:15 - 12:29<br>C02.6 | The genetic basis of a cell type expansion in the mammalian placenta   | Marcin Falis               |

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“Physiology” in Kelvin Gallery

**C04- Mechanical Forces in EvoDevo**

|                        |   |                             |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 11:05 - 11:19<br>C04.1 | Using fly wings to study the evolution of morphogenesis   | Jana Fuhrmann               |
| 11:19 - 11:33<br>C04.2 | Tissue mechanics reveal evolutionary divergence of inner ear morphogenesis across vertebrates   | Shuhei Horiguchi            |
| 11:33 - 11:47<br>C04.3 | Morphogenesis establishes directional transport in the gastrovascular network of the jellyfish <i>Aurelia aurita</i> during development | Laureline Julien            |
| 11:47 - 12:01<br>C04.4 | Rhythmic contractions of the yolk of goldfish, domesticated ornamental fish with diverse dorsoventral patterning traits                 | Paul Gerald Layague Sanchez |
| 12:01 - 12:15<br>C04.5 | Coordinating organismal and organ repair in a hydrozoan medusa  | Chiara Sinigaglia           |
| 12:15 - 12:29<br>C04.6 | Evolution and mechanics of retinal-pigmented epithelium morphogenesis during optic cup folding  | François Agnès              |

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**C08- Integrative Perspectives on Craniofacial Evo-Devo**11:05 - 11:19  
C08.1

Origin of the ground-borne sound perception in snakes

Taro Nojiri

11:19 - 11:33  
C08.2

Prenatal cranial allometry reveals developmental adaptations to laryngeal echolocation in bats

Laura Wilson

11:33 - 11:47  
C08.3

Sensory-skeletal integration and the origin of asymmetric facial bone fusions in blind cave-dwelling fish

Joshua Gross

11:47 - 12:01  
C08.4

Genetic integration of craniofacial shape and eye size in Lake Malawi cichlids

Irene Soto Bajo

12:01 - 12:15  
C08.5

Synchrotron microtomography reveals unusual vascular cartilage in an Ordovician vertebrate

Richard Dearden

12:15 - 12:29  
C08.6

Elemental and Molecular Mapping Reveal Cartilage Cell Organization and Differentiation During Development

Tatjana Haitina

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch Break in Hunter Halls

WO1 – Publishing workshops, in East Quad Lecture Theatre (226)

13:30 - 15:10

"Theory" in Humanities Lecture Theatre (255)

**S13- Leveraging evo-devo for conservation biology and agroecology**13:30 - 13:55  
S13.1

Microbial symbionts and the flourishing of ecosystems

Scott Gilbert

13:55 - 14:20  
S13.2Evolutionary divergence of neural crest cells in Icelandic three-spined stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus*) thermal ecotypes

Matthew Brachmann

14:20 - 14:45  
S13.3

Developmental plasticity as a buffer against extinction: experimental insights from rotifers

Emily Harmon

14:45 – 15:10  
S13.4

Early-life stress induces brain-region-specific epigenetic and micro-RNA dynamic changes across ontogeny in chickens

Carlos Guerrero-Bosagna

13:30 - 15:10

“Molecular” in Bute Hall

**S14- Role of Soma-to-Germline Inheritance in Evolutionary Change**13:30 - 13:55  
S14.1

Understanding the ‘sperm RNA code’ for epigenetic inheritance with emerging tools

Qi Chen

13:55 - 14:20  
S14.2

Darwin’s Pangenesis in relation to evolution, development and soma-to-germline inheritance

Yongsheng Liu

14:20 - 14:45  
S14.3

How Germ Cells Respond to Stress - and What Remains to Be Discovered

Vincent Fischer

14:45 – 15:10  
S14.4

Somatically acquired sperm miRNAs initiate embryonic regulatory cascades underlying paternal epigenetic inheritance

Colin Conine

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“Physiology” in Kelvin Gallery

**S22- Forty years of molecular paleontology and beyond**13:30 - 13:55  
S22.1

The diversification of land plant body plans through the lens of molecular palaeobotany

Alexander Hetherington

13:55 - 14:20  
S22.2

Unraveling the Deep Evolutionary History of Microbial Life

Edmund Moody

14:20 - 14:45  
S22.3

Molecular Palaeobiology of Echinozoan skeletons

Jeffrey Thompson

14:45 - 15:10  
S22.4

Convergent genome evolution shaped the emergence of terrestrial animals

Jialin Wei

13:30 – 15:10

“Specific Systems” in East Quad Lecture Theatre

**S01- Evo-Devo Principles of Plant Specialized Metabolism**13:30 - 13:55  
S01.1Development of a flower as a false female in the sexually deceptive orchid *Ophrys sphegodes*

Philipp M. Schlüter

13:55 - 14:20  
S01.2

Complex Evolution in the Cellulose Synthase Protein Family: From Core Cell Wall Assembly to Enzymatic and Non-enzymatic Functions in Specialized Metabolism

Asaph Aharoni

14:20 - 14:45  
S01.3

The evolution of plant specialized metabolism and specialized cell types

Maite Colinas

14:45 - 15:10  
S01.4

Allopolyploidy-mediated innovation of gain-of-function defenses in a plant-insect arms race

Emmanuel Gaquerel

15:10 – 15:30

Coffee Break, in Hunter Halls

15:30 – 16:40

“Theory” in Humanities Lecture Theatre (255)

**C20- Open Symposium (patterning)**15:30 - 15:44  
C20.1

Cnidarian Embryonic Aggregates Reveal an Alternative Developmental Morphospace of Initial Body Plan Formation

Kerim Anlas

15:44 - 15:58  
C20.2

New meiofaunal genomes reveal the diversity of animal Hox clusters

Madeleine Aase-Remedios

15:58 - 16:12  
C20.3

Hopeful Monsters in Action? Repeated Axial Evolution Across African Cichlid Fish Radiations

Callum Bucklow

16:12 - 16:26  
C20.4

An Evolutionarily Conserved Genetic Framework for Pnant Root Cortex Patterning

Raffaele Dello Iorio

16:26 - 16:40  
C20.5

Building branches: mechanisms of meristem duplication during dichotomous branching

Vicky Spencer

16:40 – 18:15

Poster Session: Odd numbers, in Hunter Halls // H01- Historical artifacts, in Concert Hall

18:15 – 19:15

Keynote – Bute Hall – K2

Beverley Glover, *University of Cambridge*

How to build a (fake) fly: the convergent evolution of sexually deceptive pollination

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“Molecular” in Bute Hall

**C14- Role of Soma-to-Germline Inheritance in Evolutionary Change**

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|------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 15:30 - 15:44<br>C14.1 | Intergenerational shifts in innate odour preferences upon odour feeding or odour injections in <i>Bicyclus anynana</i> butterfly larvae | Antonia Monteiro      |
| 15:44 - 15:58<br>C14.2 | Germline consequences of a multigenerational metabolic disruption   | Violeta de Anca Prado |
| 15:58 - 16:12<br>C14.3 | Epigenetic Inheritance of DNA methylation in an Early-Branching Animal  | Lan Xu                |
| 16:12 - 16:26<br>C14.4 | Developmental Dynamics of Annelid Methylation   | Meghan Yap-Chiongco   |
| 16:26 - 16:40<br>C14.5 | The genetic and epigenetic architecture of thermal plasticity in the threespine stickleback   | Corin Stansfield      |

15:30 – 16:40

“Physiology” in Kelvin Gallery

**C22- Forty years of molecular paleontology and beyond**

|                        |  |                     |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 15:30 - 15:44<br>C22.1 | Towards a philosophy of reproduction for evo-devo: an organismal and relational approach   | David Cortés-García |
| 15:44 - 15:58<br>C22.2 | Developmental morphological rates and the emergence of animal body plans: insights from early metazoan evolution   | Zhiqing Guo         |
| 15:58 - 16:12<br>C22.3 | Stepwise evolution of vertebrate median bony structures: from dorsal scutes to fin rays  | Kazuhide Miyamoto   |
| 16:12 - 16:26<br>C22.4 | Bayesian timetree inference using Hamiltonian dynamics   | Laura Mulvey        |
| 16:26 - 16:40<br>C22.5 | The first quantitative evidence of ontogenetic growth in the early Cambrian ecdysozoan worm <i>Cricocosmia jinningensis</i> reveals the earliest energy reallocation | Xiaomei Shi         |

15:30 – 16:40

“Specific Systems” in East Quad Lecture Theatre

**C20- Open Symposium (neuro)**

|                        |   |                    |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 15:30 - 15:44<br>C20.1 | Developmental evolution of brain monoaminergic systems: the outcomes of the mao mutation in blind Mexican cavefish                              | Alessandro Alunni  |
| 15:44 - 15:58<br>C20.2 | Adaptive significance and evolutionary origin of the Turbanate Eye in <i>Cloeon dipterum</i> : a case of sensory innovation in mate recognition | Tòt Senar-Serra    |
| 15:58 - 16:12<br>C20.3 | Astrocyte evolution in vertebrates: a tale of two fishes  | Anna Box           |
| 16:12 - 16:26<br>C20.4 | Tail muscle development of <i>Oikopleura dioica</i> : a neuromesodermal origin and the evolution of the appendicularian free-swimming lifestyle | Marc Fabregà-Torru |
| 16:26 - 16:40<br>C20.5 | Sexual Dimorphism and Lifestyle Transition: from Sex Chromosome Turnover to Brain Remodeling in a Mayfly  | Sophie Tandonnet   |

**THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026 – THIRD DAY**

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| 08:00   | Registration, The Concert Hall   |                    |
| 09:00 – 10:40<br>“Theory” in Humanities Lecture Theatre (255)   |  |                    |
| <b>S16- Modularity, robustness and evolvability</b>   |  |                    |
| 09:00 - 09:25<br>S16.1  | The process-specific GP maps and their interaction may explain micro-to-macro divide                                       | Mihaela Pavlicev   |
| 09:25 - 09:50<br>S16.2  | Modularization of the plant body plan and the rise of flowering plants   | Rainer Melzer      |
| 09:50 - 10:15<br>S16.3  | Modularity and morphological innovation : bridging master genes with developmental systems properties                      | Sophie Pantalacci  |
| 10:15 - 10:40<br>S16.4  | Multi-scale devo-evo in a bite: nesting variation and evolvability of complex dentitions and beyond                        | Roland Zimm        |
| 09:00 – 10:40<br>“Molecular” in Bute Hall   |  |                    |
| <b>S19- Integrating Gene Regulatory Networks into Evo-Devo: Linking Molecular Mechanisms to Trait Evolution</b> |  |                    |
| 09:00 - 09:25<br>S19.1  | A network-centric view on the evolution of developmental processes - Insights from eye size variation in <i>Drosophila</i> | Nico Posnien       |
| 09:25 - 09:50<br>S19.2  | Gene regulatory networks driving neuronal diversification in development and in evolution                                  | Nuria Flames       |
| 09:50 - 10:15<br>S19.3  | Making diverse “breathing” pores - gene regulatory network evolution and the morphodiversity of plant stomata              | Michael T. Raissig |
| 10:15 - 10:40<br>S19.4  | Effects of foreign transcription factors in vertebrate gene regulatory networks  | Marta Portela      |
| 09:00 – 10:40<br>“Physiology” in Kelvin Gallery   |  |                    |
| <b>S05- The Impacts of Microbiota on Animal and Plant Development</b>   |  |                    |
| 09:00 - 09:25<br>S05.1  | Natural variation in <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> root responses to microbiota-derived <i>Pseudomonas</i>                   | Charles Copeland   |
| 09:25 - 09:50<br>S05.2  | Decoding microbiota-driven plasticity in the vertebrate intestine  | John Rawls         |
| 09:50 - 10:15<br>S05.3  | A role of environmental microbes in triggering wound healing and regeneration  | Azra Atabay        |
| 10:15 - 10:40<br>S05.4  | Understanding how the microbiome shapes nervous system development   | Helen Vuong        |

**THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2026 – THIRD DAY**

09:00 – 10:40

“Specific Systems” in East Quad Lecture Theatre

**S11-Pixels, patterns, and perception: integrative eco–evo–devo perspectives on biological colour**

|                        |  |                        |
|------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 09:00 - 09:25<br>S11.1 | How do girls make diamonds? The developmental basis of a female-limited color pattern polymorphism         | Nathalie Feiner        |
| 09:25 - 09:50<br>S11.2 | How the mouse got its stripes: formation and evolution of color patterns in rodents                        | Ricardo Mallarino      |
| 09:50 - 10:15<br>S11.3 | Machine-learnt variation among butterfly photographs: new quantitative tools for evolution and development | Jennifer Hoyal Cuthill |
| 10:15 - 10:40<br>S11.4 | From shallow larvae to the abyss: extraordinary visual adaptation in deep-sea fishes                       | Zuzana Musilova        |

10:40 – 11:05 Coffee break

11:05 - 12:30

“Theory” in Humanities Lecture Theatre (255)

**C16- Modularity, robustness and evolvability**

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| 11:05 - 11:19<br>C16.1 | Evolutionary tuning of Nodal mobility ensures robust embryonic patterning across temperatures                      | Daniel Čapek      |
| 11:19 - 11:33<br>C16.2 | Developmental heterochrony underlies the evolution of extreme body axis segmentation in the Japanese eel           | Ali Seleit        |
| 11:33 - 11:47<br>C16.3 | Role of plasticity and developmental robustness in the evolutionary process and insights into genetic assimilation | Atsuko Sato       |
| 11:47 - 12:01<br>C16.4 | Regulatory dominance promotes robustness and evolutionary innovation   | Noa Ottilie Borst |
| 12:01 - 12:15<br>C16.5 | Environmental Noise and the Evolution of Evolvability  | Masahito Tsuboi   |
| 12:15 - 12:29<br>C16.6 | Developmental system drift as a consequence of the evolution of modularity   | Áine McColgan     |

11:05 - 12:30

“Molecular” in Bute Hall

**C19- Integrating Gene Regulatory Networks into Evo-Devo: Linking Molecular Mechanisms to Trait Evolution**

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|------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 11:05 - 11:19<br>C19.1 | The roads to superorganisms: an evo-devo perspective from termites   | Bitao Qiu                  |
| 11:19 - 11:33<br>C19.2 | The role of Fat-Hippo signaling in the origin and diversification of beetle horns  | Yongsoo Choi               |
| 11:33 - 11:47<br>C19.3 | Tracing the evolutionary origin of eyespot center cell types on butterfly wings with single-cell genomics  | Suriya Narayanan Murugesan |
| 11:47 - 12:01<br>C19.4 | Redeployment of an ancestral gene regulatory network drives the origins of a novel cell type in Poeciliid fish   | Sophie Kraunsoe            |
| 12:01 - 12:15<br>C19.5 | Single-nucleus Profiling Highlights the All-Brain Echinoderm Nervous System and the Gene Regulatory Signature of Postmetamorphic Cell Types and Organs | Periklis Paganos           |
| 12:15 - 12:29<br>C19.6 | Integrating Developmental Timing and Transcriptomics to Uncover Insect Brain Diversification   | Christine Mau              |

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“Physiology” in Kelvin Gallery

**C05- The Impacts of Microbiota on Animal and Plant Development**

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| 11:05 - 11:19<br>C05.1 | A Microbial Perspective on Animal Development and Behaviour  | Thomas Bosch          |
| 11:19 - 11:33<br>C05.2 | Microbes as manipulators of egg size and developmental evolution   | Tyler Carrier         |
| 11:33 - 11:47<br>C05.3 | Microbiome dynamics across the life cycle of <i>Platynereis dumerilii</i>  | Giulia Ghisleni       |
| 11:47 - 12:01<br>C05.4 | Synergistic holobiont plasticity in the sea urchin <i>Arbacia lixula</i> : Maternal effects and symbiotic microbiome under ocean acidification | Andres Rufino Navarro |
| 12:01 – 12:29<br>C05.5 | Discussion time  |                       |

11:05 - 12:30

“Specific Systems” in East Quad Lecture Theatre

**C11- Pixels, patterns, and perception: integrative eco–evo–devo perspectives on biological colour**

|                        |  |                       |
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| 11:05 - 11:19<br>C11.1 | How the lizard changed its spots: using computational models of development to predict evolutionary changes in colour patterns | Halley Cano-Fernández |
| 11:19 - 11:33<br>C11.2 | The evolution, genetics and development of butterfly structural colour   | Nicola Nadeau         |
| 11:33 - 11:47<br>C11.3 | The lncRNA–miRNA gene <i>ivory:mir-193</i> controls adaptive melanism in a polymorphic moth                                    | Luca Livraghi         |
| 11:47 - 12:01<br>C11.4 | Sketching Vertebrate Color Evolution through the Reconstruction of Reptile Chromatophore Development                           | Pierre-Yves Helleboid |
| 12:01 - 12:15<br>C11.5 | Non-iridescent structural color emergence and diversification controlled by keratin self-assembly during feather development   | Rita Afonso           |
| 12:15 - 12:29<br>C11.6 | How sexes diversify: Molecular drivers underlying sexual color dimorphism in cichlids  | Muktai Kuwalekar      |

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch Break, in Hunter Halls

RT01 – KLI Round Table, in East Quad Lecture Theatre (226)


EED Council Meeting, in Humanities Lecture Theatre (255)

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13:30 – 15:10

“Theory” in Humanities Lecture Theatre (255)

**S17- Micro-Evo-Devo: Developmental Origins of Within-Population Variation**

|                        |  |  |
|------------------------|--|--|
| 13:30 - 13:55<br>S17.1 | Variation lost in translation between micro- and macroevolution  | Jukka Jernvall   |
| 13:55 - 14:20<br>S17.2 | Epigenetic changes alter developmental variance in isogenic mouse models   | Rebecca Green  |
| 14:20 - 14:45<br>S17.3 | Innovation and diversification of and through sexual dimorphism: insights from horned beetles  | Erica Nadolski   |
| 14:45 - 15:10<br>S17.4 | Changing developmental signal has an effect on developmental bias: Wnt mutation modifies phenotypic co-variation patterns for cell fates in the nematode vulva | Katie Pelletier<br> |

13:30 – 15:10

“Molecular” in Bute Hall

**S18- Evo-Devo of plant forms & patterns**

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| 13:30 - 13:55<br>S18.1 | Conserved modules, novel forms: Investigating the mechanisms underlying grass morphological diversity                  | Katie Jeal       |
| 13:55 - 14:20<br>S18.2 | Stay hydrated – Deciphering the development and physiology of leaf succulence  | Heike Lindner    |
| 14:20 - 14:45<br>S18.3 | Unusual Morphogenesis in <i>Monophyllaea</i> : Indeterminate Leaf Meristems and the Absence of a Shoot Apical Meristem | Hirokazu Tsukaya |
| 14:45 - 15:10<br>S18.4 | From spots to stripes: interplay between a reaction-diffusion system and its prepatterns                               | Yaowu Yuan       |

13:30 – 15:10

“Physiology” in Kelvin Gallery

**S09- Nutritional regulation of developmental processes**

|                        |   |                           |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 13:30 - 13:55<br>S09.1 | Metabolic control of planarian regeneration   | Cristina Gonzalez-Estevéz |
| 13:55 - 14:20<br>S09.2 | A stem cell zoo uncovers intracellular scaling of developmental tempo across mammals  | Jorge Lazaro Farre        |
| 14:20 - 14:45<br>S09.3 | Maternal diet influences embryonic developmental trajectory and offspring phenotype via non-genetic factors in <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> | Krittika Sudhakar         |
| 14:45 - 15:10<br>S09.4 | Nutritional control of body plasticity across biological scales in a sea anemone  | Patrick Steinmetz         |

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**S15- Evolution and development of digestive systems: from specialised cell types to complex ecosystems**

|                        |  |                         |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 13:30 - 13:55<br>S15.1 | A blastoporal organizer in a ctenophore  | Andreas Hejnlol         |
| 13:55 - 14:20<br>S15.2 | Comparative transcriptomics reveal the common anteroposterior molecular blueprint of adult bilaterian guts       | Stefano Davide Vianello |
| 14:20 – 14:45<br>S15.3 | A new animal model for dissecting drug transporter functions during gut maturation and host-microbe interactions | Catherine Schrankel     |
| 14:45 - 15:10<br>S15.4 | Gut evolution, from cell types to gene regulatory networks   | Maria Ina Arnone        |

15:10 – 15:30 Coffee break , Hunter Halls

15:30 – 16:40

“Theory” in Humanities Lecture Theatre (255)

**C17- Micro-Evo-Devo: Developmental Origins of Within-Population Variation**

|                        |  |                      |
|------------------------|--|----------------------|
| 15:30 - 15:44<br>C17.1 | Organismal-level regulation of phenotypic variability in <i>Drosophila</i>   | Luisa F. Pallares    |
| 15:44 - 15:58<br>C17.2 | Determining hotspots of cellular adaptation in the polychaete <i>Platynereis dumerilii</i>                                   | Tobias Gerber        |
| 15:58 - 16:12<br>C17.3 | Morphometric quantification of temperature stress effects on embryonic development at single-cell resolution                 | Chiara Castelletti   |
| 16:12 - 16:26<br>C17.4 | Investigating the genetic and developmental bases of compound eye size variation among populations, species and temperatures | Alistair P. McGregor |
| 16:26 - 16:40<br>C17.5 | Can annual fish become a model for micro-evolution and adaptation of development?  | Tom Van Dooren       |

15:30 – 16:40

“Molecular” in Bute Hall

**C18- Evo-Devo of plant forms & patterns**

|                        |   |                  |
|------------------------|---|------------------|
| 15:30 - 15:44<br>C18.1 | Lignin patterning and evolutionary transitions in explosive fruit   | Aurelia Emonet   |
| 15:44 - 15:58<br>C18.2 | Modelling The Interplay Between Pre-Patterning and Morphogenesis in <i>Hibiscus trionum</i> Petals            | Steven Oud       |
| 15:58 - 16:12<br>C18.3 | Checkerboards and the chess flower: evolution of colour patterns in <i>Fritillaria</i> (Liliaceae)            | Laetitia Carrive |
| 16:12 - 16:26<br>C18.4 | How plants grow cups: Investigating the Development and Plasticity of <i>Marchantia polymorpha</i> Gemma Cups | Leonie Kraska    |
| 16:26 - 16:40<br>C18.5 | The evolutionary origins of apical growth in plants   | Joseph Sardina   |

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**C19- Integrating Gene Regulatory Networks into Evo-Devo: Linking Molecular Mechanisms to Trait Evolution (continued)**

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|------------------------|---|-----------------|
| 15:30 - 15:44<br>C19.1 | Regulatory tinkering in the evolution of vertebrate olfaction   | Demian Burguera |
| 15:44 - 15:58<br>C19.2 | Evolution of the photoreceptor developmental program in nocturnal geckos  | Emily M. Dong   |
| 15:58 - 16:12<br>C19.3 | Building a jellyfish muscle: Characterization of Myogenesis in <i>Pelagia noctiluca</i>                               | Clara Deleau    |
| 16:12 - 16:26<br>C19.4 | Tracing the evolution of male pregnancy and brood pouch complexity in syngnathids through comparative transcriptomics | Tarek Gerhard   |

15:30 - 16:40

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**C20- Open Symposium (cell-tissue)**

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|------------------------|--|---------------------|
| 15:30 - 15:44<br>C20.1 | Tracing the evolutionary origin and function of fluorescent pigmented cells in sea cucumbers   | Rossella Annunziata |
| 15:44 - 15:58<br>C20.2 | EvoDevoBase: an open database for evolutionary developmental biology   | Bruno Vellutini     |
| 15:58 - 16:12<br>C20.3 | Late Vascular Development in Chondrichthyans Reveals a Conserved Programs of Venous Valve Formation  | Virginia Panara     |
| 16:12 - 16:26<br>C20.4 | Spatial transcriptomics reveals "temporal modularity" in gap and pair-rule gene patterning in the early <i>Tribolium</i> embryo  | Ezzat El-Sherif     |
| 16:26 - 16:40<br>C20.5 | Transient Receptor Potential (TRP) Channel diversity and localization in Choanoflagellates points to a role in cellular behavior   | Jeffrey Colgren     |
| 16:40 – 18:15          | Poster Session, even numbers<br>Hunter Halls   |                     |
| 18:15 – 19:15          | Keynote – Bute Hall – K3<br>Laura Nuno de la Rosa, Spanish National Research Council, Institute of Philosophy<br>Reproduction as a Mediator of Development and Evolution |                     |

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| 08:00  | Registration, the Concert Hall   |                           |
| 09:00 - 10:40<br>“Theory” in Humanities Lecture Theatre (255)                                    |  |                           |
| <b>S21- Advances in theoretical evo-devo</b>   |  |                           |
| 09:00 - 09:25<br>S21.1   | The evolutionary implications of genotype-phenotype map structure – from molecular examples to general principles  | Nora S. Martin            |
| 09:25 - 09:50<br>S21.2   | The Extended Life Cycle  | Nayely Velez-Cruz         |
| 09:50 - 10:15<br>S21.3   | A theoretical perspective on evolvability  | Thomas Hansen             |
| 10:15 - 10:40<br>S21.4   | Constructive Internal Selection: a neglected factor in developmental evolution                                     | Günter Wagner             |
| 09:00 - 10:40<br>“Molecular” in Bute Hall  |  |                           |
| <b>S12-Genomics in Evo-Devo - And what next?</b>   |  |                           |
| 09:00 - 09:25<br>S12.1   | Gene duplication and co-option originated a male specific visual system in mayflies                                | Isabel Almudi             |
| 09:25 - 09:50<br>S12.2   | An integrative Eco-Evo-Devo approach to colour pattern variation in cichlid fishes                                 | Emília Santos             |
| 09:50 - 10:15<br>S12.3   | The evolution of new vertebrate cell types and organs  | Margarida Cardoso-Moreira |
| 10:15 - 10:40<br>S12.4   | Simulating the evolution of development: current and future approaches   | Renske Vroomans           |
| 09:00 - 10:40<br>“Physiology” in Kelvin Gallery  |  |                           |
| <b>S07- Evo-Devo of complex life histories: agametic development, regeneration and clonality</b> |  |                           |
| 09:00 - 09:25<br>S07.1   | Probing clonal evolution in planarians   | Jochen Rink               |
| 09:25 - 09:50<br>S07.2   | Complex lifecycles and polyploidy in a cnidarian model species   | Catriona Munro            |
| 09:50 - 10:15<br>S07.3   | Using sponge whole-body regeneration to investigate early animal evolution   | Roger Revilla-i-Domingo   |
| 10:15 - 10:40<br>S07.4   | Conserved neurogenic functions of Notch pathway during regeneration and growth in the annelid <i>Platynereis</i>   | Eve Gazave                |
| 09:00 - 10:40<br>“Specific Systems” in East Quad Lecture Theatre                                 |  |                           |
| <b>S10- Skin Deep: Common Threads in the Evolution of Bilaterian Ectodermal Appendages</b>       |  |                           |
| 09:00 - 09:25<br>S10.1   | Sensory origins of vertebrate teeth and the evolutionary links between odontodes and ectodermal sensory structures | Yara Haridy               |
| 09:25 - 09:50<br>S10.2   | Armoured catfish evolved skin denticles that recapitulate teeth the structural, developmental, and genetic level   | Carlos Rivera Rivera      |
| 09:50 - 10:15<br>S10.3   | Ectodermally derived exoskeletons in molluscs: from signalling to seashells  | Victoria Sleight          |
| 10:15 - 10:40<br>S10.4   | Development and evolution of the whisker pattern   | Denis Headon              |

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10:40 – 11:05 Coffee break

11:05 - 12:30

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**C21- Advances in theoretical evo-devo**

|                        |   |                          |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 11:05 - 11:19<br>C21.1 | Linking Developmental Dynamics and Statistical Models of Evolutionary Variation   | Lisandro Milocco         |
| 11:19 - 11:33<br>C21.2 | Why are multicellular differentiation programs directional?   | Somya Mani               |
| 11:33 - 11:47<br>C21.3 | A mathematical synthesis of genetics, development, and evolution  | Mauricio Gonzalez-Forero |
| 11:47 - 12:01<br>C21.4 | What happens to the questions and answers of evolutionary theory when we can model the genotype-phenotype map and its evolution | Isaac Salazar-Ciudad     |
| 12:01 - 12:15<br>C21.5 | Loss, persistence and reversal of phenotypic traits   | Giobbe Forni             |
| 12:15 - 12:29<br>C21.6 | The evolution of tissue shape and differentiation in a computational model of plant morphogenesis                               | Pjotr L. van der Jagt    |

11:05 - 12:30

“Molecular” in Bute Hall

**C12- Genomics in Evo-Devo - And what next?**

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|------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 11:05 - 11:19<br>C12.1 | An ancient gene is a novel regulator of cell proliferation in the spider <i>Parasteatoda tepidariorum</i>                  | Zoe X. Schultz                |
| 11:19 - 11:33<br>C12.2 | Uncovering the molecular basis of bat wing development using comparative genomic and single-cell approaches                | Francisca Real                |
| 11:33 - 11:47<br>C12.3 | From 52 to hundreds of species: integration of bulk and single-cell transcriptomics across animal diversity in <i>Bgee</i> | Marc Robinson-Rechavi         |
| 11:47 - 12:01<br>C12.4 | The genomic and developmental basis of eyestalks in the stalk-eyed fly <i>Teleopsis dalmanni</i>                           | Victoria Lloyd                |
| 12:01 - 12:15<br>C12.5 | Extensive transcriptomic turnover facilitates evolutionary novelty in brown algae  | Jaruwatana Sodai Lotharukpong |
| 12:15 - 12:29<br>C12.6 | Functional genetics and genomics of egg development speed in the red flour beetle  | Caspar Schmeits               |

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**C07- Evo-Devo of complex life histories: agametic development, regeneration and clonality**

|                        |  |                       |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 11:05 - 11:19<br>C07.1 | Large-scale reprogramming of differentiated larval tissues establishes adult body plan during sea cucumber metamorphosis   | Laurent Formery       |
| 11:19 - 11:33<br>C07.2 | Multi-stage single-cell atlas of agametic reproduction in the colonial ascidian <i>Botryllus schlosseri</i> unveils transcriptomic reprogramming and possible dedifferentiation of bud founder cells | Marie Lebel           |
| 11:33 - 11:47<br>C07.3 | Exploring zooid polymorphism in siphonophores (Cnidaria:Hydrozoa) at single cell resolution  | Namrata Ahuja         |
| 11:47 - 12:01<br>C07.4 | Food availability impacts developmental trajectory in the asexually reproducing flatworms  | Ludwik Gąsiorowski    |
| 12:01 - 12:15<br>C07.5 | Single-cell analysis of the hemichordate head blastema provides insights into the early deuterostome origins of regeneration   | Ivan Candido-Ferreira |
| 12:15 - 12:29<br>C07.6 | The sea anemone <i>Nematostella vectensis</i> in laboratory vs. natural-like growth environments – molecular, cellular, developmental and life cycle effects   | Uri Gat               |

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**C10- Skin Deep: Common Threads in the Evolution of Bilaterian Ectodermal Appendages**

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|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 11:05 - 11:19<br>C10.1 | Genetic erosion of the scale genetic network forced an evolutionary return to bony armor          | Joost Woltering        |
| 11:19 - 11:33<br>C10.2 | The unreasonable effectiveness of computational models in skin scale patterning and morphogenesis | Michel Milinkovitch    |
| 11:33 - 11:47<br>C10.3 | Genomic and signaling network evolution underlying hedgehog spine formation                       | Anna Alessandra Monaco |
| 11:47 - 12:01<br>C10.4 | Arthropod’s next top model: <i>Oxidus gracilis</i>  | Alexandra Weber        |
| 12:01 - 12:15<br>C10.5 | Scale cell type specification on butterfly wings  | Joseph Hanly           |
| 12:15 - 12:29<br>C10.6 | Developmental Mechanisms for Morphological Novelty in Early Osteichthyan Dentitions               | Plamen Andreev         |
| 12:30 – 13:30          | Lunch Break, Hunter Hall  |                        |
|                        | ERC workshop, in East Quad Lecture Theatre (226)  |                        |

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**C20-Open Symposium (theory)**

|                        |  |                          |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 13:30 - 13:44<br>C20.1 | Not your average archaeon: CCA diversity of Heimdallarchaeota as a window into early eukaryogenesis                  | Ella Cassidy             |
| 13:44 - 13:58<br>C20.2 | Investigating the biological significance of evolutionary conflict using convergent traits in plants as case studies | Holly Robertson          |
| 13:58 - 14:12<br>C20.3 | Learning developmental trajectories from time-lapse embryo imaging using unsupervised deep learning                  | Hernan Morales Navarrete |
| 14:12 - 14:26<br>C20.4 | Multimodal study of the convergent evolution of molar shape in rodent molars   | Marie Sémon              |
| 14:26 - 14:40<br>C20.5 | Modularity and Canalisation Shape Early Craniofacial Divergence in Arctic Charr                                      | Kalina Kapralova         |

13:30 - 15:10

“Molecular” in Bute Hall

**C02- From cell type- to tissue-evolution (continued)**

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|------------------------|---|------------------|
| 13:30 - 13:44<br>C02.1 | Transcription factor family expansions and the origins of novel cell types                                  | Alison G. Cole   |
| 13:44 - 13:58<br>C02.2 | How do novel cell types evolve? Co-option of fibroblast activation in the origin of uterine decidualization | Stefan Pavloski  |
| 13:58 - 14:12<br>C02.3 | Developing AI models to reconstruct cell type evolution across animal phylogeny                             | Jacob Musser     |
| 14:12 - 14:26<br>C02.4 | Using closely related planarian species and single-cell transcriptomics to study cell type evolution        | Jordi Solana     |
| 14:26 - 14:40<br>C02.5 | Complementary roles of alternative splicing and gene expression in bilaterian tissue evolution              | Federica Mantica |

13:30 - 15:10

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**S03- Bioelectric signals as a new frontier in EvoDevo**

|                        |   |                     |
|------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 13:30 - 13:55<br>S03.1 | Living electronic interfaces to unravel Hydra bioelectricity  | Claudia Tortiglione |
| 13:55 - 14:20<br>S03.2 | Integrating live voltage imaging and pharmacological manipulation to link bioelectric states to genetic control in ascidian morphogenesis | Josep Marti-Solans  |
| 14:20 - 14:45<br>S03.3 | The Forces That Shape Us  | Elias H Barriga     |
| 14:45 - 15:10<br>S03.4 | Discussion time   |                     |

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**C20- Open Symposium (arthro)**

|                        |   |                |
|------------------------|---|----------------|
| 13:30 - 13:44<br>C20.1 | A developmental mechanism producing dimorphism in ovary size between queen and worker ants                              | Claire Ramsay  |
| 13:44 - 13:58<br>C20.2 | Evolutionary Flexibility of CpG Methylation and Histone Modifications in Beetles  | Elisa Israel   |
| 14:12 - 14:26<br>C20.4 | How to build a powerful water conserving system: the cryptonephridial complex of the beetle <i>Tribolium</i>            | Robin Beaven   |
| 14:26 - 14:40<br>C20.5 | Macroevolution of nutritional plasticity in exaggerated dung beetle forelegs and its underlying developmental mechanism | Ebony M Argaez |
| 14:40 – 15:10          | Discussion time   |                |
| 15:10 – 15:30          | Coffee break  |                |
| 15:30 – 16:30          | Poster Session,<br>All numbers, in Hunter Halls   |                |
| 16:30 – 17:25          | EED Society Business Meeting – Poster Prizes – EED Society Medal – Bute Hall  |                |
| 17:25 – 18:25          | Keynote – Bute Hall<br>Abderrahman Khila, CNRS<br>Selection, plasticity and variation: any connection?                  |                |
| 18:25 – 18:30          | Closing Remarks   |                |
| 19:15 – 01:00          | Conference Dinner<br>Glasgow Science Centre   |                |