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BBMRI.be Annual Meeting 2025



26.11.2025



10:00am - 5:00pm

UZLeuven

Herestraat 49
3000 Leuven

Building: O&N 4

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Meeting Schedule

10:00am	○ Registration and Welcome Coffee , <i>Foyer next to Auditorium O&N4</i>
10:30am	○ Welcome and Opening , <i>Elke Smits, President BBMRI.be, Auditorium O&N4</i>
10:40am	○ BBMRI.be Achievements , <i>Annelies Debuquoy, National Node Director BBMRI.be</i>
11:00am	○ A One Health View on Biobanking , <i>Auditorium O&N4</i> Bart Panis, Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT Banking Crop Genetic Resources for Future Generations Koert Stittelaar, VirusBank Platform, KU Leuven A collection of viruses and cell culture systems as tools for pandemic preparedness Ann Packeu & Adil Ennaji, BCCM, Sciensano & BELSPO Microbes in Context: Legal and Operational Perspectives from a Microbial Biobank Zjef Pereboom, Antwerp Zoo Centre for Research and Conservation Integrating biobanking into biodiversity conservation practice: The development and impact of the EAZA Biobank Panel discussion
01:00pm	○ Lunch and Networking , <i>Foyer next to Auditorium O&N4</i>
02:00pm	○ Biobank visit - session 1
02:30pm	○ Interactive Workshops- part 1 <i>Workshop 1: Evaluating, selecting and implementing a BIMS (Auditorium O&N5)</i> <i>Workshop 2: Towards an updated Belgian Biobank Law (Auditorium O&N4)</i>
03:30pm	○ Coffee break
04:00pm	○ Interactive Workshops - part 2 <i>Workshop 1: Evaluating, selecting and implementing a BIMS (Auditorium O&N5)</i> <i>Workshop 2: Towards an updated Belgian Biobank Law (Auditorium O&N4)</i>
05:00pm	○ Biobank visit - session 2

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How to get there?

By car:

By car, proceed to the following address: Gasthuisberg Campus, Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven.

PARKING OPTIONS:

1. PARKING "ONDERWIJS & NAVORSING" A

Once on campus, follow the arrows to the Parking Onderwijs en Navorsing A. (GPS 50.882450, 4.574590) – see map on next page

A day code - **22460#** - will give you access to the car park. Keep this code carefully as it serves both to drive in and out.

From the car park, near the Kabouterberg nursery, take the stairs down towards Blauwe Straat - 'Onderwijs & Navorsing'.

Cross the street at the crosswalk and walk up the stairs on the right.

Arriving at the courtyard, cross the courtyard towards building 4.

Inside building 4, you will see the Désiré Collen Learning Centre on the left, the ad valvas signs on the right.

Cross straight ahead: keep right at the benches and continue walking past the Dental Skills Centre. You then reach a glass footbridge, which you cross.

Continue walking until halfway the building you reach the auditorium ON4

2. PARKING WEST

If the parking of "Onderwijs & Navorsing" is full, you can park in the paid visitor parking West of the hospital. To get to the auditorium, leave Parking West on level +1 and turn left towards the red building (O&N4), towards "Blauwe Straat". Take the long stairs towards Onderwijs & Navorsing and follow "Blauwe Straat". The entrance to ON4 is on the right. Follow the arrows to auditorium ON4

By public transport

Leuven station is approximately 4 km away. Busses run every 10 minutes. Take bus 3 towards the city center. The closest bus stop is right in front of the Onderwijs en Navorsing 2 building (Gasthuisberg Campus stop). Alternatively, you can also take a bus to the main hospital entrance (Leuven Gasthuisberg Kliniek stop).

From the bus stops, you can follow Blauwe Straat (see map on next page)

More information about the bus: [De Lijn](#)

More information about the train: [NMBS](#)



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BY CAR



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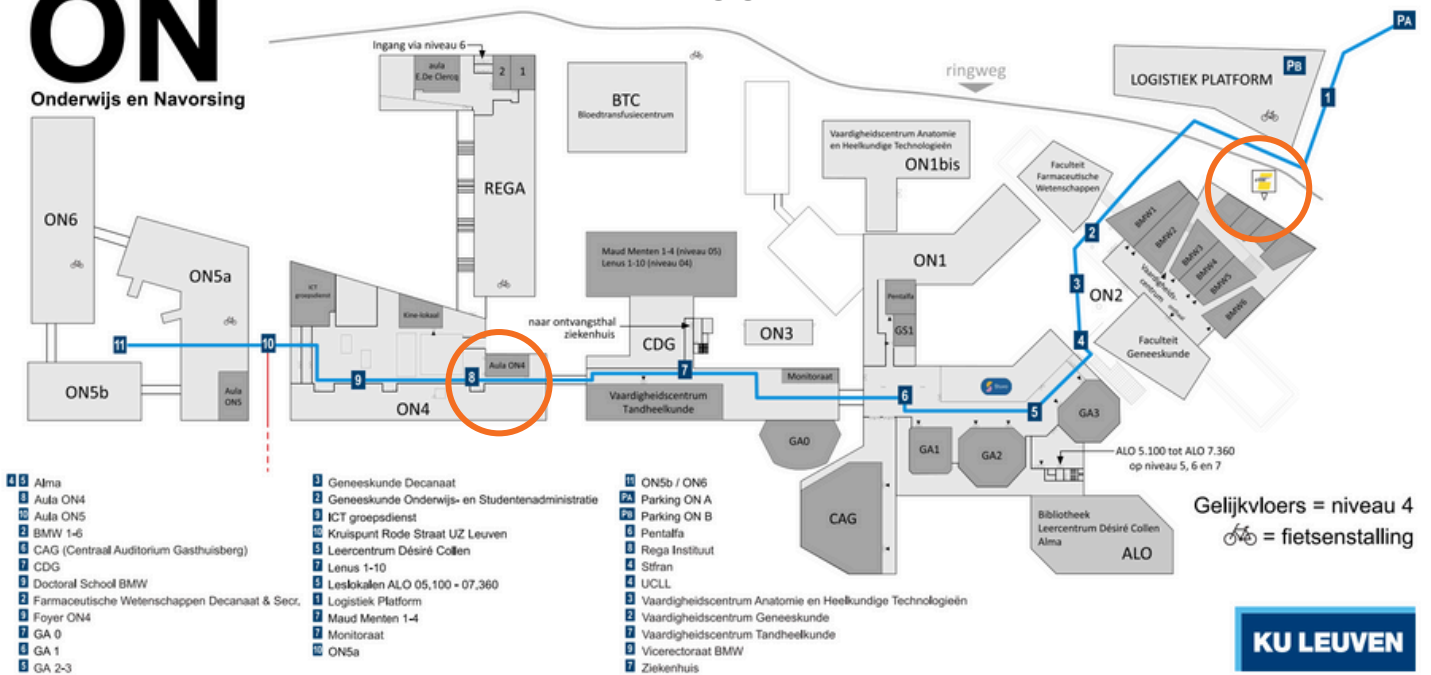
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■ UZ LEUVEN ZIEKENHUIS



ON

Onderwijs en Navorsing

BY BUS



- 1 Alma
- 2 Aula ON4
- 3 Aula ON5
- 4 BMW 1-6
- 5 CAG (Centraal Auditorium Gasthuisberg)
- 6 CDG
- 7 Doctoral School BMW
- 8 Farmaceutische Wetenschappen Decanaat & Secr.
- 9 Foyer ON4
- 10 GA 0
- 11 GA 1
- 11b GA 2-3

- 1 Geneeskunde Decanaat
- 2 Geneeskunde Onderwijs- en Studentenadministratie
- 3 ICT groepsdienst
- 4 Kruispunt Rode Straat UZ Leuven
- 5 Leercentrum Désiré Collen
- 6 Lenus 1-10
- 7 Leslokalen ALO 05.100 - 07.360
- 8 Logistiek Platform
- 9 Maud Menten 1-4
- 10 Monitoraat
- 11 ON5a

- 11b ON5b / ON6
- 12 Parking ON A
- 13 Parking ON B
- 14 Pentalfa
- 15 Rega Instituut
- 16 Sifran
- 17 UCLL
- 18 Vaardigheidscentrum Anatomie en Heelkundige Technologieën
- 19 Vaardigheidscentrum Geneeskunde
- 20 Vaardigheidscentrum Tandheelkunde
- 21 Vicerectoraat BMW
- 22 Ziekenhuis

Gelijkvloers = niveau 4
 = fietsenstalling

