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What's new in 2026 - a message from our ISVM Executive and Scientific Boards

We are off to a great start in 2026! We hope that 2026 has started as a productive and inspiring year for everyone in the ISVM community. Across laboratories, field sites, and computational platforms worldwide, those of us studying viruses of microorganisms continue to make remarkable advances. It is exciting to see the momentum as discoveries emerge and collaborations grow within our global network.

One of the highlights of the year so far has been the continued success of the iVoM online seminar series. Our recent sessions have attracted hundreds of participants from across the world, bringing together students, early-career scientists, and established researchers to share new ideas and discoveries in microbial virus research. These online events continue to demonstrate the strength and diversity of our community and provide an accessible forum for discussion and collaboration. Make sure that you sign up for the next one at <https://isvm.org/ivom/>.

As we look ahead, we are especially excited for the Viruses of Microbes 2026 meeting in Prague, taking place 6–10 July 2026. This conference will once again bring together the global community working on viruses of microorganisms for an outstanding scientific program and vibrant exchange of ideas. The initial program is online and is looking fantastic. We warmly encourage all members to register, take advantage of the early-bird registration due on April 1, and submit abstracts at www.vom2026.org. We look forward to seeing you there.

iVoM Session 4: 2026

We have successfully completed five episodes of iVoM 4. We have had 500 registered participants for [iVoM4](#) and have covered topics such as viral biotechnology, evolution, viromics and giant viruses. Our last session is scheduled for April 8th and will focus on tools to study phage-host interactions. You can still catch our last session by registering [here!](#)

VoM 2026

Registration for Viruses of Microbes 2026 (VoM2026) is open! With so many reasons to be in Prague, now is the perfect time to mark July 6 - 10 on your calendar and start looking forward to an exciting meeting. Register at www.vom2026.org now and secure your place. We look forward to welcoming you to VoM2026 in Prague!

Donate to ISVM

This society is for, and made possible by members like you! Please consider donating to ISVM. The International Society for Viruses of Microorganisms was established as a non-profit organization in 2011 to encourage collaboration between students, researchers, organizations, and companies to progress our understanding of viruses that infect microorganisms. We aim to cultivate networking, learning, and employment opportunities. Our meeting activities like the Viruses of Microbes conferences and iVoM series are supported by sponsors and donations.

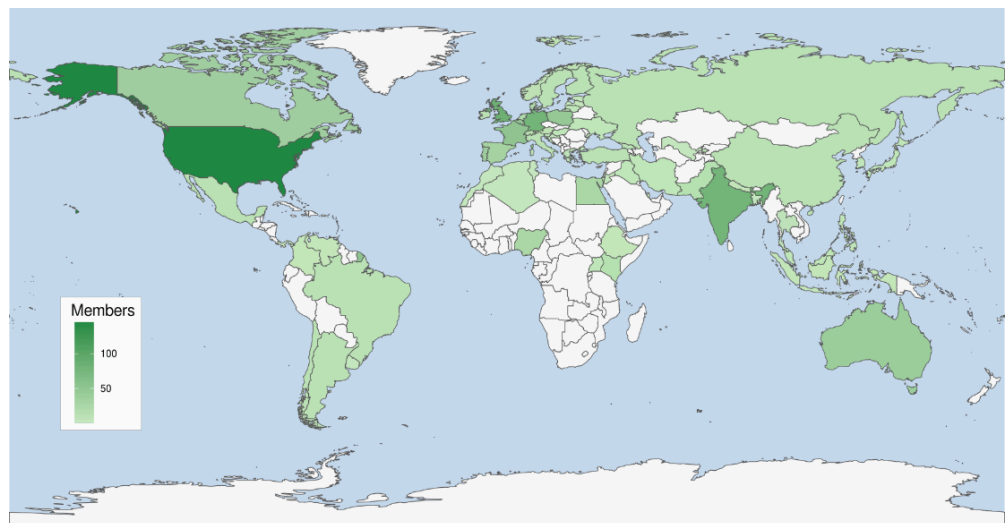
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ISVM Membership

The International Society for Viruses of Microorganisms boasts an impressive 1,500 members from over 100 countries! We invite you to join this ever-expanding community, where we collectively redefine the possibilities and potential of the world of Viruses of Microorganisms.

Please spread the word and **encourage your colleagues and young scientists to join our global community of members.** Register for free today [here!](#)



Aerosolizing Phages? We've Got You Covered.



As interest in inhaled phage therapy continues to grow, understanding how nebulization affects phage stability and aerosol output is becoming increasingly important. At JAFRAL, we have established robust workflows to evaluate your phage behaviour during different types of nebulization.

Study Highlights



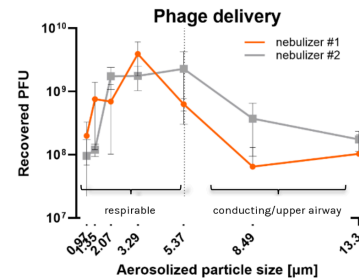
Respirable fraction: ~45-60% of phage particles were delivered in the <math><5.4\ \mu\text{m}</math> range, suitable for lower airway deposition.



Consistent aerosol properties: Aerosols showed an MMAD of ~4.2 μm , aligning with pulmonary delivery requirements.



Formulation stability: Tested phage buffers exhibited no visible aggregation or instability during nebulization.



Our methods help teams assess the performance of your phages during nebulization, compare device behaviour, and evaluate formulation suitability for inhaled delivery.

Download the full application note here:

<https://www.jafRAL.com/resources/assessment-of-nebulizer-performance-for-aerosolization-of-bacteriophages>



Application note: Assessment of nebulizer performance for aerosolization of bacteriophages.

You can download the full application note [here](#).

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research funding database

We are pleased to share with you the ScientifyResearch grant tool. This platform is designed to make identifying funding opportunities simpler and more efficient by consolidating grants worldwide into a searchable, user-friendly database.

In our previous newsletter, we had invited you to join a special webinar focused on **Building your research funding portfolio: A demo with scientifyRESEARCH funding database**. If you missed it, you can find the key take-home messages and slides [here](#).

Next webinar will be focused on **Data protection with local models | Roundtable on grant writing in the era of AI** – April 2, 14:00-16:00 Central European Summer Time (GMT+2) 2026. We invite you to [register!](#)

These practical webinars are designed to help researchers and research managers understand how to take full advantage of the scientifyRESEARCH funding database functionality. Take advantage of our partnership and visit [ScientifyRESEARCH](#) for more information.

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