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against filamentous fungus, *Aspergillus fumigatus***

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During the 2,5 conference days, you will experience a diverse programme that includes high level scientific presentations and networking activities - an excellent opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences within biofilms.

Biofilms 8 is the 8th conference in a series that cover the topic of bacterial biofilms in the broadest sense. The conference focus is on the basic scientific question of how biofilms form, grow and interact with their surroundings. You will meet researchers from the natural sciences, engineering, and health science to exchange their research on how biofilms develop, how they interact with their surroundings, and how they can be controlled in a natural, industrial, or clinical setting.

The main subjects of the conference are:

- Molecular mechanisms in biofilm formation
- The biofilm matrix
- Bacterial attachment
- Modelling biofilms
- Biofilm ecology
- Evolution in biofilms
- Biofilm control
- Novel methods for biofilm characterization

We hope you will enjoy the conference and your stay in Aarhus!

Kind regards from the Local Organising Committee,



**Rikke Louise Meyer**

Associate professor, Interdisciplinary Nanoscience Center and  
Department of Bioscience, Aarhus University (Conference Chair)

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## CONFERENCE VENUE

**Aarhus University**  
Bygning 1412 (Building 1412)  
Nordre Ringgade 4  
8000 Århus, Denmark

## CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The conference will be held in English.

## NAME BADGES

All participants and exhibitors must wear the name badge in the conference area at all times. The badge must be visible.

## LUNCH AND COFFEE BREAKS

Lunch is available in the poster area. Coffee is available in the exhibition area. See programme for exact time of breaks.

**Exhibition area:** Vandrehallen

**Poster area:** Stakladen & Richard Mortensen room

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Please bring your presentation to the session room before your session starts. We recommend you upload your presentation at least 30 min before your session. A technician will be present to assist in the upload if necessary. Please bring your presentation on a USB.

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A manned cloak room located in the basement under the auditorium "Aula" will be available throughout the conference.

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## SOCIAL EVENTS

**Welcome Reception** (included in the registration fee)

Date: 27 May 2018  
Time: 18.30 - 20.30  
Place: Poster area, Stakladen, Aarhus University

The welcome reception will take place in the poster area in Stakladen at Aarhus University from 18.30 - 20.30.

**Conference Dinner** (included in the registration fee)

Date: 28 May 2018  
Time: 19.00 - 00.00  
Place: Turbinehallen, Kalkværksvej 12, 8000 Aarhus C

The conference dinner will take place from 19.00 - 00.00 in Turbinehallen. The Turbinehallen is a rustic and vibrant venue full of atmosphere and character, centrally located in Aarhus in the urban harbour area in the heart of the Aarhus Film Town.

Join us at the dinner and catch up with colleagues and friends, and make new acquaintances! Please note that the dinner is included in the registration fee, but registration is required.

## HOW TO GET TO THE CONFERENCE DINNER VENUE:

To reach the dinner venue from the University, you can take bus 100, 200, 16 or 18 from the busstop "Aarhus Universitet. Randersvej/ Nordre Ringgade" at the intersection of Randersvej and Nordre Ringgade and get off at the Aarhus Central station. The dinner venue is located a 5-10 minutes walk from the central station.

## ORGANISATION

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## POSTER SESSIONS

The poster sessions are held during lunch breaks. Please be present at your poster during these times. See the exact time of your poster session here below:

	Categories	Presentation time	Poster number
<b>Sunday</b> <b>27 May</b>	The biofilm matrix	12.00 - 13.00	Uneven numbers
	Molecular mechanisms in biofilm formation Bacterial attachment	13.00 - 14.00	Even numbers
<b>Monday</b> <b>28 May</b>	Biofilm ecology	11.30 - 12.30	Uneven numbers
	Modelling biofilms	12.30 - 13.30	Even numbers
	Evolution in biofilms Other		
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>29 May</b>	Biofilm control	10.50 - 11.40	Uneven numbers
	Novel methods for biofilm characterization	11.40 - 12.30	Even numbers

## PRIZES AND AWARDS

Thanks to our 3 sponsors below, a number of prizes will be awarded during the closing ceremony on Tuesday 29 May 2018. The prizes will consist of 8 poster prizes and 1 Young Investigator Award. We deeply thank our sponsors for the support:

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The journal hosts cross-disciplinary discussions and allows for our understanding of mechanisms governing the social behaviour of microbial biofilm populations and communities, and their impact on life, human health, and the environment, both natural and engineered.








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# PROGRAMME SUNDAY 27 MAY

Time	Abs.	Title
07.30		Registration desk opens
09.00 - 09.15		Welcome & Opening Ceremony By Biofilms 8 Chair, Rikke Louise Meyer
9.15 - 10.00	O1	Bird's Eye Lecture: The biofilm matrix: strategies for protection and exploitation
10.00 - 10.40		Coffee/Tea Break
10.40 - 12.00		Session 1: The biofilm matrix Chair: Per Halkjær Nielsen & co-chair: Daniel Otzen
10.40 - 11.00	O2	Glycosylated amyloid-like proteins in the structural extracellular polymers of aerobic granular sludge enriched with ammonium oxidizing bacteria
11.00 - 11.20	O3	Formation of functional non-amyloidogenic fibres by recombinant Bacillus subtilis TasA
11.20 - 11.40	O4	Insight into the RapA lectin and its use in the study of biofilm matrix formation by rhizobia
11.40 - 12.00	O5	Secreted, Large-Scale, Extracellular Membrane Systems in Microbial Biofilms
12.00 - 14.00		Lunch & Poster session
14.00 - 14.30	O6	Invited Lecture: Molecular interactions of staphylococcal biofilm forming proteins
14.30 - 15.50		Session 2: Molecular mechanisms in biofilm formation Chair: Daniel Otzen & co-chair: Rikke Meyer
14.30 - 14.50	O7	Cytochrome Bd-I is used for energy production in uropathogenic E. coli biofilms
14.50 - 15.10	O8	Heat activates cyclic diguanylate production in bacteria
15.10 - 15.30	O9	Sortase-assembled pili of Enterococcus faecalis contribute to iron-mediated extracellular electron transfer and iron-augmented biofilm
15.30 - 15.50	O10	Physical determinants of amyloid assembly in biofilm formation
15.50 - 16.20		Coffee/Tea Break
16.20 - 16.50	O11	Invited Lecture: How do bacteria respond to their adhering state?
16.50 - 18.10		Session 3: Bacterial attachment Chair: Rikke Meyer & co-chair: Thomas Andersen
16.50 - 17.10	O12	Cell lysis prompts an early mechanical coupling and biofilm formation in dilute bacterial suspensions
17.10 - 17.30	O13	Bone environment and its relationships with bacterial biofilm
17.30 - 17.50	O14	The role of dynamic Tad pili in bacterial surface sensing
17.50 - 18.10	O15	A role for two-component systems in bacterial attachment and antibiotic tolerance in Listeria monocytogenes
18.10 - 18.30	O16	Invited Lecture: Are biofilms really the dominant way of life for prokaryotes on Earth?
18.30 - 20.30		Welcome Reception in the poster area (included in registration fee)

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# PROGRAMME MONDAY 28 MAY



Time	Abs.	Title
08.00		Registration desk opens
09.00 - 09.40	O17	Bird's Eye Lecture: Cooperation and competition in biofilms
9.40 - 10.10		Coffee/Tea Break
10.10 - 11.30		Session 4: Biofilm ecology Chair: Mette Burmølle & co-chair: Ákos Kovács
10.10 - 10.30	O18	Biofilm architecture confers individual and collective protection against phage infection
10.30 - 10.50	O19	Effect of fluctuating environmental conditions on the spatial self-organization and emergent properties of a synthetic microbial biofilm
10.50 - 11.10	O20	AHL quorum sensing mediates species interactions in multispecies biofilms
11.10 - 11.30	O21	Biofilm thickness controls the contribution of stochastic and deterministic processes in microbial community assembly
11.30 - 13.30		Lunch & Poster session
13.30 - 14.00	O22	Invited Lecture: Multiscale analysis of microbial cross-feeding in biofilms: from Yellowstone hotspots to chronic wounds
14.00 - 15.20		Session 5: Modelling biofilms Chair: Matthew Fields & co-chair: Rikke Meyer
14.00 - 14.20	O23	Developing a novel understanding of E. coli K-12 pellicle formation, morphology, and physiology
14.20 - 14.40	O24	Increasing the Space-Time Yield in Lactic Acid Production by the Use of Biofilms
14.40 - 15.00	O25	Estimation of mechanical and hydraulic biofilm properties from optical coherence tomography measurements
15.00 - 15.20	O26	Optically patterned biofilms for synthetic microbial consortia
15.20 - 15.50		Coffee/Tea Break
15.50 - 16.20	O27	Invited Lecture: Why evolution in biofilms is different, and a few remarkable consequences
16.20 - 17.40		Session 6: Evolution of biofilms Chair: Ákos Kovács & co-chair: Mette Burmølle
16.20 - 16.40	O28	Long-term co-adaptation of Pseudomonas aeruginosa biofilms with amoeba affects virulence traits
16.40 - 17.00	O29	Evolution in changing environments: Specialist and generalist strategies during non-stable selection of the biofilm phenotype
17.00 - 17.20	O30	Cheating promotes evolution of hyper-cooperators by shifting phenotypic heterogeneity in biofilms
17.20 - 17.40	O31	Increased rate of mutation to antimicrobial resistance in polymicrobial biofilms
19.00 - 00.00		Congress Dinner at Turbinehallen, Aarhus (included in the registration fee, registration required)

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# PROGRAMME TUESDAY29 MAY

Time	Abs.	Title
08.30 - 09.00	O32	Invited Lecture: <b>Tuning biofilms architecture to control their functions</b>
09.00 - 09.30		<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>
09.30 - 10.50		<b>Session 7: Biofilm control</b> <b>Chair: Thomas Andersen &amp; co-chair: Trine Thomsen</b>
09.30 - 09.50	O33	Characterization of anti-curli antibody based approaches to eradicate Salmonella Typhimurium biofilms
09.50 - 10.10	O34	A New Strategy for Biofilm Control Using Bioinspired Dynamic Surface Topography
10.10 - 10.30	O35	Biofilm control in cooling towers: the effect of biodispersants on freshwater biofilms developed in flow lanes
10.30 - 10.50	O36	Substrate Mediated Enzyme Prodrug Therapy (SMEPT) to combat implant-associated biofilms
10.50 - 12.30		<b>Lunch &amp; Poster session</b>
12.30 - 13.00	O37	Invited Lecture: <b>Interrogating the interplay of metabolism and structure in bacterial communities</b>
13.00 - 14.00		<b>Session 8: Novel methods for biofilm characterization</b> <b>Chair: Trine Thomsen &amp; co-chair: Per Halkjær Nielsen</b>
13.00 - 13.20	O38	Novel uses for Synchrotron Radiation in the study of Biofilms
13.20 - 13.40	O39	Introducing a novel, fully-automated cultivation and screening tool for the structural and mechanical investigation of biofilms by means of optical coherence tomography
13.40 - 14.00	O40	Nanoparticle-based chemical imaging in biofilms and tissues
14.00 - 14.30		<b>Awards Ceremony, Introducing Biofilms 9 &amp; Closing Session</b>

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[P100] ELECTROCHEMICALLY DEPOSITED SURFACES BASED ON COPPER AND SILVER WITH BIOCIDAL EFFECT AGAINST METHICILLIN RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS

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**Introduction:** Inert surfaces can be a reservoir for pathogenic agents and play an important role in the acquisition and spread of healthcare infections. Therefore, surface treatments that aim to provide the surfaces with antibacterial activity are receiving increasing attention and scientific interest. Copper can inactivate a multitude of bacteria, fungi and viruses and copper or copper alloys have been suggested as alternative to stainless steel to help reduce the occurrence of hospital-acquired infections. Silver also has antibacterial activity and it has been suggested to combine these for enhanced, potentially synergistic, antibacterial action.

**Aim:** The purpose of the present study was to investigate the antibacterial efficacy of a novel electroplated copper-silver alloy coating against methicillin resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) with the aim of developing antibacterial surfaces for the medical and health care sector. We investigated if the alloy could prevent adhesion and biofilm formation.

**Methods:** The EPA Test Method for Efficacy of Copper Alloy Surface as a Sanitizer was carried out on Cu/Ag coating and stainless steel against MRSA. In a static biofilm model, four different surfaces were evaluated in parallel (Cu/Ag, Cu, Ag coatings and stainless steel) to estimate MRSA biofilm formation.

**Results:** Under dry conditions, the Cu/Ag coating reduced in numbers of MRSA on the surface with more than 99.9% after 2 hours of exposure as compared to numbers on stainless steel. When testing for MRSA biofilm formation, no difference was observed between silver and stainless steel coupons. However, compared with stainless steel, the most significant bacterial number reduction was found for the copper surface (close to 100 fold) followed by the Cu/Ag electroplated surfaces (10 fold) ( $P < 0.001$ ).

**Conclusions:** Pure copper-coated and copper-silver alloy surfaces were effective in killing bacteria and preventing MRSA biofilm formation *in vitro*. Further research is planned to determine the efficacy against other clinically relevant pathogens and to do *in vivo* test for biocidal and antibiofilm efficacy in healthcare settings.

[P101] ANTI-BIOFILM EFFICACY OF TRICLOSAN-AMPHOTERICIN B COMBINATION AGAINST FILAMENTOUS FUNGUS, ASPERGILLUS FUMIGATUS

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Triclosan (TRC), an antimicrobial agent, has been reported to be safe for topical and surface-coating applications. It possesses a broad-spectrum of antimicrobial activity. The combination of TRC and DispersinB (DspB, a biofilm disruptor) displayed synergistic efficacy against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Escherichia coli*, and *Candida albicans*. There was a significant difference in the adherence of each of these microorganisms to TRC+DspB-coated silicone catheters compared with uncoated control catheter. Therefore, TRC+DspB has antibiofilm effect against both gram positive and gram negative, as well as yeast strains. Furthermore, for the first time, TRC effect against *Aspergillus fumigatus* biofilm formation on a glass surface was investigated alone and in combination with amphotericinB (AMB). AMB is effective against fungal infections. Viability was measured by determining colony forming units (c.f.u.) using 6-mm paper disks impregnated with TRC (0.5 to 32 mg/l) and AMB (0.125 to 16 mg/l). The diameters of the growth inhibition zone on agar plates were measured after incubation at 37° for 24 hrs. Determination of metabolic activity of hyphae was assessed using viability staining with FUN-1. Double-strength RPMI-2% glucose medium+MOPS containing 10<sup>6</sup> conidia/ml was incubated at 37° for 24 hrs. Subsequently, TRC and AMB at Minimum Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) doses were added and incubated at 37° for more 24 hrs. As control, *A. fumigatus* hyphae were incubated in the absence of TRC and AMB in the medium. Microscopic visualization and image acquisition of biofilms were conducted using a confocal laser scanning microscope (CLSM). Based on the optical microscopy and CLSM images, the number of hyphae structures as well as extracellular polymeric substances (EPS) formation were reduced in TRC and AMB/MICs treated samples in comparison with the non- treated control groups. Also, 3D surface plots showed the least biofilm depth in TRC/MIC treated sample in comparison with AMB/MIC treated, and control groups. Finally, Synergy Checkerboard Assay revealed that there is a synergistic activity when *A. fumigatus* was treated with TRC following by AMB.