

**EC56 AGENDA**  
**Meeting of the Executive Committee (EC)**  
**International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV)**  
**Wednesday 31 July - Friday 2 August, 2024**  
**Mediterranean Agronomic Institute (IAM), Bari, Italy**

Note: Agenda papers are provided in <https://ictv.global/ec/ec56>  
 Document names are listed in this agenda in red

## EC Members

### Attending:

F. Murilo ZERBINI (President and meeting Chair) [MZ]  
 Evelien ADRIAENSSENS (Vice-President) [EA]  
 Elliot J. LEFKOWITZ (Data Secretary) [EJL]  
 Hanna OKSANEN (Business Secretary) [HO]  
 Peter SIMMONDS (Proposals Secretary) [PS]  
  
 Holly HUGHES (Chair, Animal ds/ssRNA- Viruses SC) [HH]  
 Mart KRUPOVIC (Chair, Archaeal Viruses SC) [MK]  
 Jens KUHN (Chair, Animal dsRNA and ssRNA+ Viruses SC) [JK]  
 Luisa RUBINO (Chair, Plant Viruses SC) [LR]  
 Sead SABANADZOVIC (Chair, Fungal and Protist Viruses SC) [SS] ('Sejo')  
 Dann TURNER (Chair, Bacterial Viruses SC) [DT]  
  
 Poliane ALFENAS-ZERBINI (Elected Member) [PA]  
 Małgorzata ŁOBOCKA (Elected Member) [ML] ('Malgosia')  
 Judit PENZES (Elected Member) [JP]  
 Alejandro REYES (Elected Member) [AR]  
 David ROBERTSON (Elected Member) [DR]  
 Nobuhiro SUZUKI (Elected Member) [NS]  
 Juliana FREITAS-ASTÚA (Elected Member) [JFA]  
  
 Donald SMITH (ICTV Report Managing Editor, Microbiology Society supported) [DS]  
 Curtis HENDRICKSON (Attending non-member, NIH-supported) [RCH]

### Not attending:

Arvind VARSANI (Chair, Animal DNA Viruses and Retroviruses SC) [AV]  
 Frank AYLWARD (Elected Member) [FA]  
 Arcady MUSHEGIAN (Elected Member) [AM]  
 Simon ROUX (Elected Member) [SR]  
 Koenraad VAN DOORSLAER (Elected Member) [KVD]

## OVERVIEW OF TIMETABLE

### **Wednesday 31 July – all times CEST (Bari) = (UTC/GMT + 2 hours)**

8:30 am - 12:30pm: First session with one 15 min break

12:30pm - 1:30pm: Lunch

1:30pm - 4:30pm: Second session with one 15 min break

4:30pm - 8:00 pm: trip to Alberobello

8:00pm: dinner at IAM

### **Thursday 1 August – all times CEST (Bari) = (UTC/GMT + 2 hours)**

8:30 am - 12:30pm: First session with one 15 min break

12:30pm - 1:30pm: Lunch

1:30pm - 4:30pm: Second session with one 15 min break

5:30pm: visit to Bari old town

8:00pm - 10.00pm: dinner at "La Cecchina"

### **Friday 2 August – all times CEST (Bari) = (UTC/GMT + 2 hours)**

8:30 am-Noon: First session with one 15 min break

Noon-1:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm-4:00pm: Second session (if necessary)

**Official business of EC56 ends**

**Wednesday 31 July - 8:30am CEST****IAM****Section 1: Introductory business, minutes and commitments**

1.1 Welcome and the order of the meeting (MZ)

1.2 Amendments to Agenda (All)

1.3 Review and approval of the Minutes of the EC55 hybrid meeting held in July 2023 (HO)  
[[EC55 Minutes Executive Summary for approval.pdf](#); [EC55 Minutes for approval.pdf](#)]

1.4 Matters arising (when not part of the Agenda) (all)

1.5 Review of Commitments (C.x.x) made at EC55 (HO leads); discussed here unless addressed in more detail in later sections (where the name of the supporting documents are also given) [[EC55 Commitments.pdf](#)]

**C.1.5.1** Revise the policy on the permissible forms of sequence data deposition for TPs and provide the text of a comment to Code 3.6 (EJL) [[Done](#): 2024.002G.N.v1.ICVCN and Statutes harmonization; see **C.7.2.1** below]

**C.1.5.2** Finish the document stating the remit of the Bioinformatics Enthusiasts Group (BD, EJL, MZ)

**C.1.5.3** Virus Taxonomy Challenge for bioinformaticians (BD) [[Done](#)]

**C.1.5.4** Produce the "policy-making" report (AL, ML, AM)

**C.3.4.1** Revise the VMR (RefSeq column) (EJL, RCH, DS)

**C.3.5.1** Find a way to make Taxonomy Proposals citable with doi (JK, AV, LR, PS). [This may be covered in the Journal Partnership Proposal. See agenda item 2.4]

**C.7.2.1** Revise TP2021.003G.Ud.v2.ICVCN and Statutes harmonization, discuss in person during EC56 (MZ, EJL, JK). [A new TP, 2024.002G.N.v1.ICVCN and Statutes harmonization, has been submitted]

**Section 2: General ICTV business**

2.1 Virology Division News (SS)

2.2 ICTV Newsletters (EA)

2.3 ICTV Report, JGV Profiles – report of the editor-in-chief (EA), managing editor (DS)

2.4 Journal Partnership Proposal: details of the proposal, responses from Springer and Microbiology Society (MZ, PS) [[Journal partnership proposal ICTV.pdf](#); [Executive summary for partnership proposal.pdf](#)]

2.5 Interaction with NCBI/GenBank: unique virus names in the VMR; send updated VMR to NCBI before updating ICTV taxonomy

### **Section 3: Finances**

3.1 Treasurer's report (DR)

3.2 Grant activities, if any (all)

### **Section 4: Procedures and Policies**

4.1 Non-viral taxon names: what should and should not be italicized (MZ)

4.2. Improvement of the ratification voting system (DS, HO) [[E-mails from DS, Adrian Gibbs](#)]

### **Section 5: Data and Software**

5.1 Taxonomy Database, MSL, VMR and Website (EJL, RCH)

5.2 Taxonomy proposal QC, processing, database loading, and MSL generation (EJL, RCH)

### **Section 6: General taxonomy and nomenclature issues**

6.1 Binomial nomenclature almost 100% implemented: any issues arising ? (SC chairs)

6.2 Should the EC publish a rebuttal to <https://doi.org/10.3389/fmicb.2023.1240993> and <https://doi.org/10.20944/preprints202406.0329.v1> ? (MZ)

6.3 Discussion on the use of species and below-species taxonomic ranks for viruses: options for change (EJL, PS) [[Species name discussion document Agenda item 6.3 PS.pdf](#)]

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Discussions from Wednesday continue as needed

**Section 7: General taxonomic proposals (MZ, EA)****Total: 2**Proposals are in <https://ictv.global/files/proposals/pending>, nested under each Subcommittee folder

2024.001G.v1.Name_format_of_Taxonomy_Proposal_Corrections	
2024.002G.v1.ICVCN_and_Statutes_harmonization	

**Section 8: Subcommittee reports and proposals**

Only the proposals slated for discussion are shown. The 'species only' and in some cases 'genera and species' proposals MAY be streamlined, i.e., not formally presented and discussed. This can be done at the discretion of the SC chairs, with co-sponsorship and provided that no EC member requests a discussion. All proposals are in <https://ictv.global/files/proposals/pending>, nested under each Subcommittee folder

**Total: 114, including 50 for streamlining and 64 for discussion (EC55: 207/102/95; EC54: 175/114/61; EC53: 189/132/57)**

8.1 Animal viruses D (DNA and Retro) SC: 13 proposals, 7 streamlined, 6 for discussion (EC55: 24/10/14; EC54: 9/2/7; EC53: 8/6/2) (AV)

2024.006D.N.v1.Bracoviriform_reclass	
2024.007D.N.v1.Filamentoviridae_1nf_2ngen_4nsp	
2024.009D.N.v1.Anelloviridae_4ngen_70nsp	
2024.010D.N.v1.Varidnaviria_reorg	
2024.011D.N.v1.Molluscipoxvirus_molluscum_rengen_rensp	
2024.012D.N.v1.Shotokuvirae_newphylum	

8.2 Animal viruses M (dsRNA and ssRNA-) SC: 18 proposals, 16 streamlined, 2 for discussion (EC55: 35/28/7; EC54: 31/19/12; EC53: 42/39/3) (HH)

2024.014M.N.v1.Plathavirus_2ng_30nsp	
2024.018M.N.v1.Tosoviridae_move	

8.3 Animal viruses S (ssRNA+) SC: no proposals submitted this year (EC55: 15/1/14; EC54: 7/2/5; EC53: 8/3/5) (JK)

8.4 Plant viruses SC: 24 proposals, 13 streamlined, 11 for discussion (EC55: 36/11/25; EC54: 22/12/10; EC53: 20/16/4) (LR)

2024.004P.N.v1.Konkoviridae_1nsp	
2024.010P.N.v2.Geminiviridae_Begomovirus_19nsp	
2024.011P.N.v1.Bromoviridae_4nsp	
2024.012P.N.v1.Potyviridae_1ng_11nsp	
2024.013P.N.v2.Secoviridae_1ng_2nsg_39nsp	
2024.015P.N.v1.Rhabdoviridae_Cytorhabdovirus_splitgen	
2024.016P.N.v1.Rhabdoviridae_1ngen_5nsp	
2024.019P.N.v1.Closteroviridae_1nsp	
2024.020P.N.v2.Closteroviridae_1nsp	
2024.021P.N.v1.Riboviria_1nord	
2024.023P.N.v1.Solemoviridae_rename_sp	

8.5 Fungal and Protist Viruses SC: 8 proposals, 0 streamlined, 8 for discussion (EC55: 15/1/14; EC54: 6/1/5; EC53: 10/5/5) (SS)

2024.001F.N.v1.Botourmiaviridae_spre	
2024.002F.N.v1.Marnaviridae_spre	
2024.003F.N.v1.Splipalmiviridae_newfam	
2024.004F.N.v1.Oomyviridae_newfam	
2024.005F.N.v1.Pimascovirales_reorg	
2024.006F.N.v1.Amalgaviridae_newgen	
2024.007F.N.v1.Mycoalphaviridae_newfam	
2024.008F.N.v1.Orpoviricetes_newclass	

8.6 Archaeal Viruses SC: 7 proposals, 0 streamlined, 7 for discussion (EC55: 2/0/2; EC54: 4/0/4; EC53: 5/3/2) (MK)

2024.001A.N.v1.Apasiiviridae_newfam	
2024.002A.N.v1.Adrikaivirales_neworder_2newfam	
2024.003A.N.v1.Nipumfusiviridae_newfam	
2024.004A.N.v1.Thalassapleoviridae_newphylum	
2024.005A.N.v1.Bathyarchaeia_4newfam	
2024.006A.N.v1.Usuviridae_newfam	
2024.007A.N.v1.Eurekaviridae_newfam	

8.7 Bacterial Viruses SC: 44 proposals, 14 streamlined, 30 for discussion (EC55: 80/61/19; EC54: 96/78/18; EC53: 96/74/22) (DT)

2024.001B.N.v1.Alisviridae_Ludisviridae_Nixviridae_3nf_7ng_24ns	
2024.002B.N.v1.Andersonviridae_1nf_2ng_98ns	
2024.003B.N.v1.Berryhillviridae_1nf_7ng_3mg_10ns	
2024.004B.N.v1.Calendarviridae_1nf_4ng_7ns	
2024.005B.N.v1.Casidaviridae_1nf_10ng_23ns	
2024.007B.N.v1.Chimalliviridae_16mg	
2024.008B.N.v1.Colingsworthviridae_1nf_4ng_3mg_8ns	
2024.009B.N.v1.Connertonviridae_1nf_2mg_12ns	
2024.011B.N.v1.Durnavirales_1nf_1ng_1ns	
2024.012B.N.v1.Ehrlichviridae_1nf_6ng_1mg_9ns	
2024.014B.N.v1.Grandevirales_1no_2nf_3nsf_4ng_9ns	
2024.015B.N.v1.Grimontviridae_2ng_1mg_2ns	
2024.016B.N.v1.Hodgkinviridae_1nf_2ng_4mg_5ns	
2024.017B.N.v1.Jeanschmidtviridae_1nf_3ng_4mg_6ns	
2024.019B.N.v1.Kruegerviridae_1nf_1ng_1mg_4ns	
2024.020B.N.v1.Lindbergviridae_1nf_3ng_7mg_21n	
2024.024B.N.v1.Mktvariviridae_1nf_1msf_10ns	
2024.025B.N.v1.Obcuriviridae_1nf_2ng_3ns	
2024.026B.N.v1.Pantevenvirales_1no_3mf	
2024.030B.N.v1.Romigviridae_1nf_1nsf_3ng_6ns	
2024.031B.N.v1.Sarkviridae_1nf_1msf_2mg	

2024.033B.N.v1.Sokolowskaviridae_1nf_1ng_1ns	
2024.034B.N.v1.Stackebrandtviridae_1nf_2nsf_8mg_8ns	
2024.036B.N.v1.Caudoviricetes_Faserviricetes_Name_Corrections	
2024.037B.N.v1.Vandenendeviridae_1nf_2msf_8ng_1mg_11ns	
2024.038B.N.v1.Vinavirales_3nf_1mf_7ng_5ns_3ms	
2024.039D.N.v1.Artimaviricota_np	
2024.043B.N.v1.Cystoviridae_6ng_2nsp_1rng_7rnsp	
2024.044B.N.v1.Felixviridae_1nf_1nsf_2ng_1mg_2n	
2024.045B.N.v1.Autographivirales	



**Friday 2 August - 8:30am CEST**

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**Section 8: Subcommittee reports and proposals (continued as needed)**

**Section 9: Optional catch-up session**

Placed here in case it proves necessary to return to discussions initiated earlier.

**Section 10: Future EC activities and concluding business**

10.1 Arrangements for EC57 meeting (MZ)

10.2 Review of commitments (HO)

10.3 Any other business (MZ, HO)

**Official business of EC56 concludes**