

# 11th International Conference on *Bartonella* as an Emerging Pathogen (ICBEP11)

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### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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Join us as research and advocacy team up to host the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on *Bartonella* as an Emerging Pathogen (ICBEP). This meeting will take place at the Bioinnovation Center in the vibrant city of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Bartonelloses are an underappreciated, underfunded, underdiagnosed, and undertreated collection of diseases caused by infection with *Bartonella* species bacteria. Clinical signs and symptoms of bartonellosis range from localized lymph node swelling and fever, to severe manifestations such as endocarditis, liver failure, and neurological problems, among others. The variability and unpredictability of the disease requires more research on pathogenesis, human and animal cases, diagnostics, prevention, and treatment.

This biennial symposium provides a venue for a group of leading experts to discuss their cutting-edge research on the impact of *Bartonella* across the globe and how to effectively diagnose and treat the disease in both humans and animals. Past meetings have fostered cross-country collaborations and inspired the next generation of scientists to explore new possibilities for effective countermeasures against *Bartonella* species. This symposium will feature four days of scientific panels and talks, networking and collaboration, and a dive into New Orleans culture.

While we are actively seeking funding from the National Institutes of Health, government funding has historically been limited for *Bartonella* research. Contributions from sponsors are critical to ensure high quality programming and travel support for students, post-doctoral fellows, and early-career investigators. We would like to extend to you an opportunity to meet our scientists and learn about this genus of bacteria while supporting this critical biomedical research. Your financial and intellectual support is essential to the gathering and exchange of knowledge and innovative collaborations as we work as a community to answer vital questions of epidemiology, diagnosis, and treatment of bartonellosis in people and animals. All sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.

Sincerely,



Amy LeBoeuf, Director/Founder of  
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U.S. One Health Education Team  
Chair

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Amy LeBoeuf  
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# CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

## NEXT STOP: NEW ORLEANS

Join us in New Orleans for the 11th International Conference on *Bartonella* as an Emerging Pathogen, where researchers, clinicians, veterinarians and public health professionals from around the world will come together to share the latest developments in *Bartonella* research. The conference will feature cutting-edge presentations, collaborative discussions, and opportunities to explore new strategies in diagnosis, treatment, and prevention.

Beyond the sessions, enjoy meaningful networking in a vibrant and historic city known for its culture, cuisine, and charm. We look forward to welcoming you in 2027 for an engaging and impactful scientific experience.



## WHY SHOULD YOU CONSIDER SPONSORSHIP?

### SUPPORT GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH

Embrace the opportunity to contribute to the collective effort to effectively diagnose and treat *Bartonella* infections and advance our understanding of this pathogen across the globe. Together, let's push the boundaries of scientific exploration and pave the way for a healthier, more resilient world.

### CONNECT AND COLLABORATE

Participate in exclusive networking opportunities, connecting with potential collaborators, veterinary and medical clinicians, researchers, and patients. Explore potential partnerships that will extend beyond the conference. Connect with clinicians and patients to hear the stories of those affected by these diseases.

### ELEVATE YOUR BRAND

Gain visibility among a key audience in the scientific, clinical, and patient community by showcasing your organization's commitment to advancing medical research. Elevate your brand with in-person engaging and networking opportunities.

### ENGAGE ONE-ON-ONE WITH RESEARCHERS

Forge meaningful connections with leading scientists, infectious disease physicians and veterinarians in the fields of epidemiology, research, and clinical practice. Benefit from direct engagement with key decision-makers and leaders.

**This is more than a gathering—it's a collaborative experience where patients, researchers, clinicians, and vendors come together to advance understanding, treatment, and awareness of *Bartonella* infections. Set against the rich cultural backdrop of New Orleans, this dynamic event blends cutting-edge science with meaningful community connection and the city's unmistakable rhythm.**



### GLOBAL IMPACT

*Bartonella* species has been found across every continent except Antarctica, but the full impact and global burden of *Bartonella* infections world-wide has not yet been fully established. Bartonellosis can be asymptomatic or self-limiting in otherwise healthy individuals which makes it difficult to track. Additionally, affected patients may be diagnosed with other conditions such as chronic fatigue syndrome, fibromyalgia, general skin conditions, common psychological ailments such as depression and anxiety, or otherwise dismissed with nonspecific instructions.

### WHY DOES OUR RESEARCH MATTER?

Bartonellosis can be an insidious and chronic disease that receives little media representation, limited medical education instruction, and is underrepresented in funding priorities. Due to these limitations, patients that have been diagnosed are often left to their own resources for understanding the progression of disease and educating their medical providers. Co-infection of patients with these bacteria and other persistent pathogens can have greater clinical significance so accurate diagnosis and treatment is essential. Delayed treatment of vector-borne diseases has been well-documented to increase the risk of severe and long-term complications.

### DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

Bartonellosis remains difficult to diagnose and treat due to the lack of standardized criteria, limitations in current detection methods, and variable treatment practices. Diagnosis often relies on clinical judgment and empirical therapy, where standard single-drug treatments have frequently been proven insufficient for bacterial eradication.

### CO-INFECTIONS

*Bartonella* oftentimes exists as a co-infection in the host, and the dynamics of *Bartonella* species combined with other infections leads to increased disease and difficulties in treatment.

### ONE HEALTH PRIORITIES

The One Health principle emphasizes the interdependent health of humans, animals, agriculture, and the environment, exemplified by the zoonotic transmission of *Bartonella*. This conference brings together a diverse group of experts—including epidemiologists, entomologists, physicians, veterinarians, microbiologists, and immunologists—to promote interdisciplinary collaboration. Its focus is to share the latest research and advance understanding of *Bartonella spp.* and the diseases they cause through a comprehensive One Health approach.

## Day 1: Welcome Reception

The first evening of the conference invites you to a reception with savory aromas and a little lagniappe with a keynote speech from one of the founding members of the *Bartonella* community, Edward Breitschwerdt, DVM, DACVIM of the Intracellular Pathogens Research Laboratory and the Vector Borne Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Breitschwerdt is a co-founder of Galaxy Diagnostics, a CLIA certified laboratory which provides diagnostic support for *Bartonella*, *Borrelia*, and many other vector-transmitted diseases. For more than 30 years, Dr. Breitschwerdt has focused on *Bartonella* infections in humans and animals and has contributed to the publication of more than 250 articles on the topic.



## Day 2: Scientific Meetings & New Orleans Culture

Connect with leading scientists and clinicians from around the world while enjoying the vibrant culture of the Crescent City. Hear from renowned experts in *Bartonella* research and clinical care as they share insights on cases, epidemiology, pathogenesis, diagnostics, and emerging treatments. Wrap up the day with a festive visit to Mardi Gras World—where the spirit of New Orleans comes to life in towering floats, dazzling costumes, and pure joy.

## Day 3: Scientific Meetings & City Excursions

Connect, learn, and share in our spacious meeting rooms, then join us for a night on the town where you will learn about New Orleans's delightfully haunting culture by taking a ghost tour.

## Day 4: Lightning Talks & Networking

Celebrate the collaborative spirit of this close-knit community while savoring the city's renowned cuisine and jazz music, creating memories that will resonate long after the conference concludes. End your trip with a final cocktail hour with conference participants hosted at a local New Orleans venue.



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## BONUS OPPORTUNITIES

- **Next Generation Champion\*** - \$1500 - This sponsorship directly funds a travel award to a student, post-doc, or young investigator. The awardee will be notified of your donation and we will provide you with their photo and a thank-you note for your contribution.
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\*Note: meeting registration is not included.

