



Organism Biology Annual Workshop 2026

Thoresta Herrgård, 15-16 June 2026



Program

Day 1 – June 15^h

Time Activity

8:30 Bus from BioCenter

09:30 Arrival, Breakfast at Thoresta Herrgård

10:15 Welcome, practical information, and workshop theme (Vahideh Rafiei)

10:30 Introduction to OB (Katarina Landberg)

Communicate your science as a Zine

(As a warm-up and a way to get to know each other while practicing research communication, participants will create a small, folded handmade booklet (“zine”) that presents their research in a simple, visual, and engaging way.

10:45 Instead of a traditional poster, the goal is to design a quick, take-home message that someone from a related field can read in 2–3 minutes and understand: What your research is about? Why it matters? The key idea or insight?

The activity includes a short creation phase followed by a zine exchange, where participants swap booklets and try to explain each other’s research, testing how clearly the message comes across. The most clear, creative, and understandable zines will receive a prize!

12:00 Lunch

13:00 **Inspirational keynote speaker (Prof. Sara Halin).** Professor in Soil Micobiology (SLU), Wallenberg Scholar, Major national and international grant recipient and principal investigator on multiple competitive research projects

14:00 Coffee break

14:30 **Public Speaking – A do-it-now workshop (Alessandra Lombardi).** Aims of the workshop are to provide tools to face common challenges of public speaking. Through practical exercises, the student will learn how to use storytelling techniques to express themselves and deliver clear and effective presentations.

16:00 Social activities (combined with public speaking workshop).

17:00 Spa/ Swimming/Gym/Walking

19:00 Dinner

20:00-22:00 Free activities in the activity room, Loftet, Thoresta Herrgård



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Day 2 – June 16th

Workshop: Research Communication for Creative Collaboration

Marianne Gillion, Research Coordinator, Division of Planning and Research Support, SLU Grants Office

How can you communicate your research, so it inspires collaboration? This interactive session explores how to turn your research into compelling narratives that spark collaboration across disciplines. In the first part, you'll refine how you present your research through short, collaborative exercises. In the second part, the focus shifts to communicating across disciplines and making your work accessible and relevant to potential collaborators.

Time Activity

08:00 Breakfast

10:00 Part 1: **What's the big idea?** Learn how to translate complex research into a clear, engaging core idea that others can quickly grasp and remember.

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 Part 2: **Communicating for collaboration.** Discover how effective communication opens doors to meaningful collaboration.

12:00 Lunch

13:30 Departure