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## EURL-PH-HP Training Invitation

22nd-24th September 2026

Public Health Agency of Sweden

Solna

Dear OCP/NFP,

We are pleased to invite your reference laboratory to participate in an upcoming in-person training in clinical parasitology diagnostics, organized under the scope of the EU Reference Laboratory for Public Health on Food-, Water-, and Vector-borne Helminths and Protozoa (EURL-PH-HP). The training aims to enhance the expertise of disease network members in the detection and characterization of parasites of public health relevance in the EU.

### Training Details

- **Venue:** Public Health Agency of Sweden, Solna, Sweden
- **Format:** Three full days, in-person with a maximum of 20 participants
- **Cost:** Travel and accommodation will be covered by the EURL
- **Content:** The course will cover both theoretical and practical aspects focusing on *Plasmodium*, *Toxoplasma*, *Echinococcus* and *Trichinella* as well as other parasites of public health relevance in the EU. The program will include:
  - Theoretical training on clinical parasitology
  - Microscopic identification of selected helminths and protozoa
  - Case studies with participant discussions highlighting the application of appropriate diagnostic techniques
  - Epidemiological aspects and surveillance
  - Outbreak management exercise

### Nominations

Each reference laboratory is kindly requested to nominate one participant. Please use the nomination form attached and ensure that nominees have a background and interest in clinical parasitology diagnostics or surveillance.

## Selection Criteria

To ensure a diverse and qualified cohort, candidates will be selected based on the following criteria:

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### 1. Professional Background and Experience

- Current role in parasitology, clinical diagnostics, research, or public health.
- Relevant experience in laboratory techniques, surveillance, or control of parasitic diseases.

### 2. Motivation and Commitment

- Clear demonstration of how the training will enhance their work and benefit their institution or community.
- Institutional support and commitment to apply the training outcomes.

### 3. Geographic and Institutional Representation

- Priority will be given to candidates from high-endemic regions and underserved areas.
- Balance between clinical and public health institutions.

### 4. Potential for Impact

- Ability to disseminate knowledge and implement training outcomes in their workplace or network.
- Plans for post-training activities (e.g., training others, improving local diagnostic capacity).

### 5. Equity and Inclusion

- Encouragement of applications from underrepresented groups and early-career professionals.
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Nominations should include a one-page document with a **brief statement of purpose** from the candidate and a **short biography of relevant background and experience**. We aim to build a cohort that reflects diverse perspectives and maximizes the training's impact on public health parasitology efforts in the EU.

## **Next Steps**

If your laboratory wishes to participate, please confirm your nominations and provide the names, titles, and contact details of your selected candidate by **15<sup>th</sup> May 2026** using the attached nomination form. Nominations and any questions should be directed to:

[EURL-PH-HP@folkhalsomyndigheten.se](mailto:EURL-PH-HP@folkhalsomyndigheten.se)

We look forward to your active participation and to strengthening our collective capacity in parasitology diagnostics across the EU!

**Best regards,**

**The EU Reference Laboratory for Public Health on Food-, Water-, and Vector-borne Helminths and Protozoa (EURL-PH-HP)**



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