University of Leicester Centre for Fibrosis Research Symposium
Wednesday 15th April 2026
Room 2.04, Sir Bob Burgess Building, University of Leicester

9.30 Arrival refreshments

9.45-10 Welcome: Themes, Goals and Research Centre status renewal - Bibek Gooptu

Morning session: Inter-disciplinary work in progress

10-10.30 Special Guests
Inter-disciplinarity and common pathways in lung and aortic valve fibrosis

10.30-11.00 Dr Ebrima Joof
The DEMISTIFI genomics studies of multi-organ fibrosis: insights & challenges

11-11.20 Refreshment break

11.20-12 Leonie Kuechenhoff, University of Heidelberg
Comparative transcriptomics of fibrosis

12-1 Lunch

Afternoon session: Patient Cohorts and Databases

1.30-2.00 Tamir Rashid/Adam Syanda, Imperial College London
Liver fibrosis in α_1-antitrypsin deficiency

2.00-2.30 Dr Richard Allen
The British Pigeon Fanciers ILD Cohort

2.30-3.00 Refreshment break

3.00-3.30 Tom Webb/Radek Debiec
Bicuspid Aortic Valve cohort

3.30-4.00 Round table discussions – UoL Centre for Fibrosis Research – what do we want our renewal propositions to be?

4.00-4.10 Closing comments

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