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DAY 1 | MARCH 17 (Tue)

8:30 AM
9:30 AM B2B MEETINGS

9:30 AM
1:00 PM OPENING CEREMONY
KEYNOTE SESSION 1

1:00 PM
2:00 PM NETWORKING BREAK

1:30 PM
3:35 PM WKS 1
STARTUP PITCH

WKS 2

B2B MEETINGS

3:35 PM
4:05 PM BREAK

4:05 PM
5:40 PM STARTUP PITCH
WKS 3
KET 1
B2B MEETINGS

6:00 PM
7:30 PM CHEESE & WINE COCKTAIL

DAY 2 | MARCH 18 (Wed)

8:30 AM
10:00 AM SCALING-UP
FACILITIES PITCH

B2B MEETINGS

10:00 AM
12:30 PM KEYNOTE SESSION 2
CHRISTIAN PATERMANN AWARDS

12:30 PM
2:00 PM NETWORKING BREAK

2:00 PM
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STARTUP WKS
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4:05 PM BREAK

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5:40 PM KET 5
KET 6
KET 7
STARTUP WKS
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6:00 PM
7:30 PM COCKTAIL

8:00 PM
10:30 PM GALA DINNER

DAY 3 | MARCH 19 (Thu)

8:30 AM
10:30 AM B2B MEETINGS

9:00 AM
10:30 AM KET 8
KET 9
KET 10
STARTUP WKS
B2B MEETINGS

10:30 AM
11:00 AM BREAK

11:00 AM
1:00 PM KEYNOTE SESSION 3

1:00 PM
2:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

1:30 PM
5:30 PM SITE VISIT 1
SITE VISIT 2
SITE VISIT 3

DAY 1 | MARCH 17 (Tue)

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM | Registration & B2B Meetings

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM | BIOKET's OPENING SESSION: The Perfection Trap: Are We Setting the Bar Too High for Bio-Based Innovation?

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | BIOKET's OPENING SESSION: Mapping the Future of Sustainable Chemistry: From Building Blocks to Applications

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Networking Break

1:30 PM - 2:50 PM | Workshop 1: Start-ups & Industries: What Does It Take for an Industrial Player to Adopt a New Technology from a Start-up?

2:00 PM - 3:35 PM | B2B Meetings

2:00 PM - 3:35 PM | Workshop 2: Engineering agility: how do we de-risk the bio-based innovation?

2:50 PM - 3:35 PM | Startup Pitch Session 1

3:35 PM - 4:05 PM | Coffee Break

4:05 PM - 5:40 PM | B2B Meetings

4:05 PM - 5:40 PM | Startup Pitch Session 2

4:05 PM - 5:40 PM | Workshop 3: Shaping LCA4BIO: A Co-creation Workshop on Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment Methods

4:05 PM - 5:40 PM | Technical Session 1 | KET 01: KETs driving innovation from Lab to Scale

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | Cheese & Wine Cocktail

DAY 2 | MARCH 18 (Wed)

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM | Registration & B2B Meetings

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM | Scaling-up Facilities Pitch

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Keynote Session 2: From Chemical Intermediates to Biobased Pharma Ingredients – Unlocking Biomanufacturing's Potential

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM | Christian Patermann BIOKET Bioeconomy Award

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM | Networking Lunch

2:00 PM - 3:35 PM | B2B Meetings

2:00 PM - 3:35 PM | Startup Workshop 1: Fundraising Reality Check

2:00 PM - 3:35 PM | Technical Session 2 | KET 02: KETs Driving Next-Gen Biocatalysis: From Enzyme Design to Deployment

2:00 PM - 3:35 PM | Technical Session 3 | KET 03: KETs for Scalable Alternative Food Production: From Microalgae to Cell Biomass

2:00 PM - 3:35 PM | Technical Session 4 | KET 04: KETs Enabling Smarter Bioeconomy Decisions: Metrics, Models & Impact

3:35 PM - 4:05 PM | Coffee Break

4:05 PM - 5:40 PM | B2B Meetings

4:05 PM - 5:40 PM | Startup Workshop 2: Funding Pathways for Start-ups in Europe and Switzerland: Research Grants and Financial Support Programs

4:05 PM - 5:40 PM | Technical Session 5 | KET 05: KETs engineering the future of biomanufacturing

4:05 PM - 5:40 PM | Technical Session 6 | KET 06: KETs Driving Circular Pathways from Biomass to Chemicals

4:05 PM - 5:40 PM | Technical Session 7 | KET 07: KETs Driving Nature-Inspired Routes to Advanced Sustainable Materials

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | Cocktail

8:00 PM - 10:30 PM | Gala Dinner

DAY 3 | MARCH 19 (Thu)

8:30 AM - 10:30AM | B2B Meetings

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Technical Session 8 | KET 08: KETs for Smarter Downstream Processing

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Technical Session 9 | KET 09: KETs for Smarter Biofuel Pathways: Pyrolysis, HVO & Beyond

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Technical Session 10 | KET 10: KETs for Circular Design: From Waste Streams to Functional Materials

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM | Startup Workshop 3: Develop Your Sales with Corporates

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM | Coffee Break

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Keynote Session 3: Reprogramming Nature: Biosolutions for the Future of Food

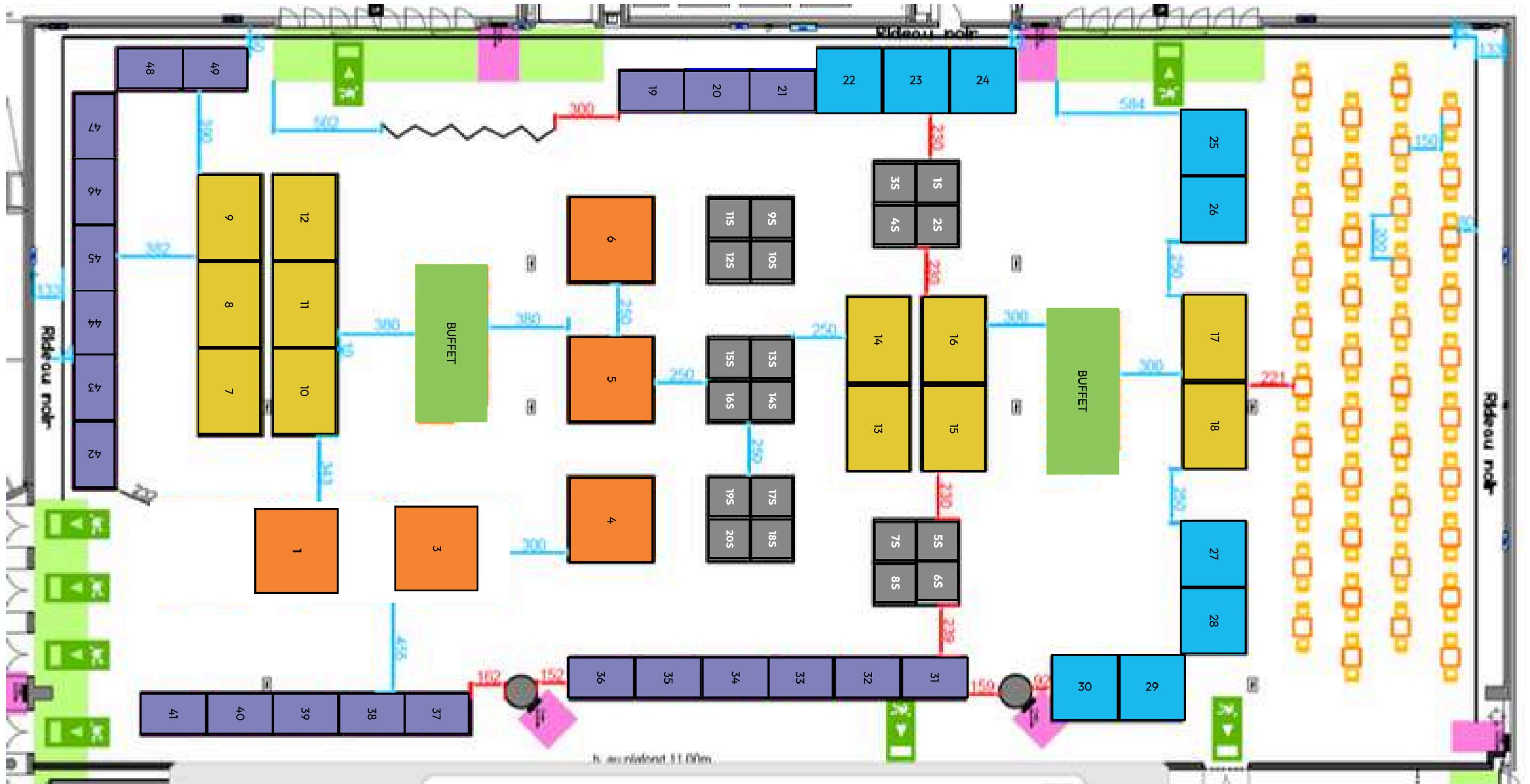
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Lunch Break

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM | Site Visit 1: Liebherr Visit - Insights into pioneering technologies

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM | Site Visit 2: Powered by FriUp

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM | Site Visit 3: AgriCo Site Visit

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Opening Ceremony

9:30AM - 10:00AM



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President



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President of the Grand Council of the Canton of Fribourg



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10:00AM - 12:00PM **Keynote Session 1**

The Perfection Trap: Are We Setting the Bar Too High for Bio-Based Innovation?



Olivier Rolland

Global Director
Strategic Initiatives

Chairman

**L'Oréal
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Annie Tsong

Senior VP of Product
Development and
Corporate Affairs

**Keynote
Speaker**

Amyris



Christoph Kobler

Vice President, Head of Research,
Development & Innovation Animal
Nutrition and Biotechnology

**Keynote
Speaker**

Evonik

Round Table



Veronica Breckenridge

Founder &
Managing
Partner

**First Bright
Ventures**



Ed de Jong

VP Development

Avantium



Matthew Berdy

Global
Commercial
Director

Sustainea



Dr. Gerd Unkelbach

Director Molecular
Bioproducts R&D

UPM Biochemicals



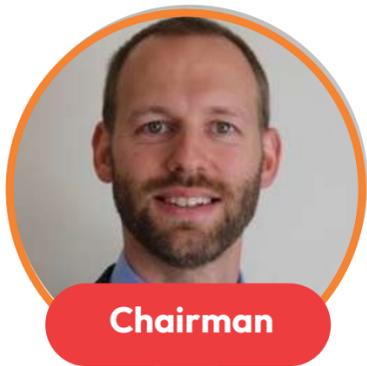
Eva Wilke

VP White
Biotechnology
Research

BASF

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**Christophe
Dardel**

Strategic
Partnerships Director

**Keynote
Speaker**

Afyren



**Cheryl
Cui**

Founder and CEO

**Keynote
Speaker**

Bota Biosciences

12:00PM - 1:00PM

Keynote Session 1

Mapping the Future of Sustainable Chemistry: From Building Blocks to Applications



Chairman

Florent Allais

Director

URD-ABI
AgroParisTech



Keynote Speaker

Théo Guérin

Competitive Intelligence Consultant

Bioeconomy for Change



Keynote Speaker

Massimo Portincaso

CEO & Cofounder

Arsenale BioYards



Keynote Speaker

Marilyne Hurtado

Business Developer Innovative Molecules

Michelin Resicare

1:30 PM - 2:50 PM

Workshop 1 ————— **Salle 3E (1st Floor)**

Start-ups & Industries: What Does It Take for an Industrial Player to Adopt a New Technology from a Start-up?

This session brings together leading industrial players and start-ups to reveal how companies adopt new technologies. It includes industry talks, collaboration testimonials, and an open discussion on criteria, processes, key learnings, and best practices for building successful innovation partnerships.

1. Industry Presentations

Givaudan



Nestlé Good food, Good life

2. Start-up Testimonials

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MATERIALS

3. Panel Discussion

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2:00 PM - 3:35 PM **Workshop 2** ————— **Halle 4A (2nd Floor)**

Engineering agility: how do we de-risk the bio-based innovation?

De Smet Engineers & Contractors (DSEC) builds the ecosystem that transforms scale-up ambitions into industrial reality.

As processes evolve and assumptions shift, they act as a strategic facilitator with an adaptive execution mindset and key contributions to early-stage development.

Their approach is built for change ! Their partnering approach de-risk start-up's and industrials investment decisions based on reliable CAPEX delivered before execution, contracted through EPCM, EP+CM, EPC or EPCM+ models.

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4:05 PM - 5:40 PM **Workshop 3** ————— **Halle 4A (2nd Floor)**

Shaping LCA4BIO: A Co-creation Workshop on Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment Methods

This workshop will introduce LCA4BIO, a project developing improved and harmonized methodologies to assess environmental, social and economic impacts and circularity in bio-based systems. After presenting the project's goals and key innovations, participants will join an interactive co-creation session to share perspectives and insights.

Their contributions will guide the development of practical, user-oriented Life Cycle Costing (LCC) methodology and tool that support the sustainable growth of Europe's bio-based industry.

**WORKSHOP FACILITATOR****Lucia Garcia Santos**

Head of R&D Projects Implementation at Contactica and coordinator of the LCA4BIO project

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General Secretary
BioAlps



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Eric Plan
General Secretary
Cleantech Alps

4:05 PM - 5:40 PM

KET 01

La Sarine (2nd Floor)

KETs driving innovation from Lab to Scale



Accelerating Biobased Product Development via Electrosynthesis and Electrolysis: Case Studies from Lab to Pilot Scale

Anthony Garcia
CEO | Innoverda



Sustainable solutions from field to fork

Olga Dubey
CEO | Agrosustain



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Julien Thiel
CEO | Deasyl



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Timothy Baars
Head of Storage | Recoal AG



Building the Pathway: Scaling Myco valorisation from Lab to Pilot—Onsite Modular Solutions for Whiskey Pot Ale to Food-Grade Protein

Vincent Farrelly
CEO | Niskus Biotec



CCU-to-Food: Scaling-up Industrial CO2 Fermentation

Diego Grumbach
CTO | Solmeya



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Scaling-up Facilities Pitch Session

Halle 4A (2nd Floor)



Plant cell culture at LIST: the green engine of tomorrow

Sylvain Legay

Lead Researcher | LIST - Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology



Overcoming the pilot-plant valley-of-death when scaling-up cultivated food products

Erika Georget

Managing Director | The Cultered Hub



Bridging Lab and Industry with Scalable Fermentation Solutions

Marco Pistocchi

General Manager | Biosphere S.r.l.



SmartRoute™ to Biomanufacturing – Flexible Development and Scale-up of Biosolutions

Bor Klančnik

BD manager | Acies Bio d.o.o.



Processium, your process development partner

Flavio Benevides

Strategic Development Director | Processium/Technip Energies



Algae Bioprocesses Platform – R&D – CEA

Julie Person

Industrial Partnership Manager for Algae R&D Platform | CEA - R&D Algae & Processes Platform

8:30 AM - 9:45

**Scaling-up Facilities
Pitch Session**

Halle 4A (2nd Floor)



VTT Pilots

Petri Ihalainen

Customer Account Lead | VTT Technical
Research Centre of Finland Ltd



**Scaling up continuous
fermentation process**

Guillaume Le Cloirec

Sales Engineer | ATV- Technologies



**How to empower the
industrialization of your
process**

Guillaume Lamy

Commercial Director | ARD



**From Lab to Factory – How
GEA Supports You in Scaling
Your Biotechnological
Processes**

David Vorländer

Application Manager New Food |
GEA Liquid Technologies Germany
GmbH



TBC

Rakesh Nair

Business Development Manager | Bio
Base Europe Pilot Plant



**From Discovery to
Scale-Up: The Design
for Manufacture
Methodology**

Chloe Howell

Business Manager | Biocatalysis



**FOOD FAB LAB: de-
risking scale-up**

Marco Alves

R&D Agrifood Manager | Tagus
Valley



10:00AM - 12:00PM **Keynote Session 2**

From Chemical Intermediates to Biobased Pharma Ingredients: Unlocking Biomanufacturing's Potential



Katharina Fromm
Rector
University of Fribourg



Roland Wohlgemuth
Professor, Chairman at ESAB and President at SKB
Lodz University of Technologies



Charlotte Capelle
Business Development Manager
Sartorius



Olli Kähkönen
Co-Founder/CEO/Chief Innovation Officer
Nordic Bioproducts Group



Geoffrey Folie
Head of Internal Manufacturing
UCB

Round Table



Guillaume Lamy
Commercial Director
ARD



Juliette Martin
Scientific Communication Manager
Seqnes



Geoffrey Folie
Head of Internal Manufacturing
UCB



Marco Pellegrini
Bioeconomy Manager
CEFFIC

12:00 PM -12:30 PM

Christian Patermann Bioket Bioeconomy Awards

Meet the candidates

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 **Cherry Mic.**

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SCHOOL
ACADEMY**

every **carbon**

 **fyteko**
The Science of Biopossible

 **GREEN
Fusyon**

 **inSpek**


MICHELIN

 **pili**

 **Primogene**
Ingredients for life


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Attractive Materials

sustaineda
bioglycols


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1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

POSTER PRESENTATION

EXHIBITION AREA



Overcoming the scale-up challenge: developing a process to scale-up the synthesis and extraction of cellulose micro particles

Christophe Allemann

Professor of Process Chemistry & Head of ChemTech | HEIA HES-SO//FR



Valorization of Microalgae as a Source of Biomass and Renewable Energy

Michal Dabros

Professor | HES-SO University of Applied Sciences and Arts Western Switzerland



Pilot Scale-up Strategies for Biobased Acetal Monomers in High-performance Polymers

Sylvie Wigmans

Doctoral student | HEIA-FR & EPFL



An enzymatic strategy for the valorisation of corn processing by-products

Mingqin Li

Senior researcher | Food Science, Adolphe Merkle Institute, University of Fribourg



Valorization of Lignin Through Oxyalkylation and Maleation: A Step Toward Bio-Based Polymers

Ume Farwa

Doctoral researcher | University of Helsinki



Understanding Alkali Lignin Solubility Through Predictive Modeling

Hifza Rouf

PhD researcher | University of Helsinki

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

POSTER PRESENTATION

EXHIBITION AREA

**From lab to industry:
Techno-Economic
Assessment of lipase
production using biowaste as
carbon source using *Pichia
pastoris***



Ana Del Hierro Calvachi

PhD candidate/ Junior Bioprocess
Specialist | University College Dublin/
Bionet

**Unlocking reproducible, robust,
and high-performance
bioprocessing with yeast-
derived bionutrients**



Abhishek Somani

Business Development Manager Bionutrients
| Ohly GmbH

**Advancing Fungal Discovery into a
High-Rate Biomanufacturing
Process: Food-Grade DoE-
Optimised *Neurospora* sp. F20595
and Circular Production Strategies**



Anuj Lipton

Senior scientist | A*STAR's Singapore Institute of
Food and Biotechnology Innovation (SIFBI)

**Data driven optimization of
Paenibacillus polymyxa EPS
fermentation: Application of
multistep DOEs and machine
learning (logistic regression)**



Jan Grundheber

PhD candidate | TUM Technical University of
Munich

**PHAGRI: phages for
agriculture**



Maëlle Bochud

Senior Academic Associate | Biofactory
Competence Center (BCC)

**Robust industrial biocatalysts
with peroxygenase, phenol-
oxidase or furfuryl-oxidase
activities from bacterial and
fungal hosts**



Marta Pérez-Boada

Project Manager | Center for Biological
Research Margarita Salas, CSIC

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

POSTER PRESENTATION

EXHIBITION AREA



Extremophilic Microalgae in a Floating Light Ball Reactor (FLBR®): Cultivation of thermophilic PCC 6715 and hypersaline Dunaliella salina

Patrick Maurer

Scientific employee | htw saar - University of applied sciences



Cultivation of the Microalgae Phaeodactylum tricornutum in a Floating Light Ball Reactor (FLBR®) on Different Scales

Mutlu Yildirim

Scientific employee | htw saar - University of applied sciences



Precision Phage Production Using Impedence Flow Cytometry Technology

Carmen Jungo Rhême

professor and director of the Biofactory Competence Center, leads bioprocess and phage therapy research | HEIA-FR / HES-SO Fribourg



Real-time monitoring of Escherichia coli cultures using spectroscopic methods

César-Enrique Rodriguez Fano

PhD candidate in Biochemistry | University of Lyon



2:00 PM - 3:35 PM

KET 02

Halle 4A (2nd Floor)

KETs Driving Next-Gen Biocatalysis: From Enzyme Design to Deployment



Advancements and open challenges in the development of biocatalytic processes

Volker Sieber

TUM



State-of-the-art technology for discovery and engineering of industrial enzymes

Laura Tiessler

Senior Scientist | Zymvol



Enzymatic process for ADAME production

Arthur Cornet

Biocatalysis Leader | Arkema



Enxylascope Project: Enzymatic Deconstruction of Xylan Biomass for Novel High-Value Cosmetic Ingredients

Arnaud Masselin

Biocatalysis Leader | Seppic



Lipase-Catalyzed Synthesis of Biosourced Estolides from Hydroxylated C18 to C22 Fatty Acids

Juliette Martin

Scientific Communication Manager | Seqens



From Catalysts to Biocatalysts: Leveraging advanced materials expertise to scale up biocatalyst production

François-Xavier Chiron

New Business Development Manager:
Advanced Materials & Catalysts | Technip Energies



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Damien Paineau
CEO
Ferments du Futur

2:00 PM - 3:35 PM

KET 03

Salle 3E (1st Floor)

KETs for Scalable Alternative Food Production: From Microalgae to Cell Biomass

Mechanical cell disruption of the green microalga *Chloridium saccharophilum* using the bead mill NanoWitt-100 (Frewitt Ltd.): Effects on protein digestibility and aroma profile



Daniel Kurpan

Post-doctoral researcher | Agroscope

Scalable animal-cell biomass production using food-grade media: a cost-optimized bioprocess for the circular bioeconomy



Didier Toubia

Co-Founder & CEO | Aleph Farm

Synthetic Microbial Ecology for Plant-Based Fermentation and Functional Food Design



Julien Tap

Research scientist | INRAE

Capsule based cell expansion: A new route to produce large amounts of adherently growing cells



Daniel Ropoport

Senior Scientist | CellTec Systems GmbH

Riboflavin production through solid state fermentation on agro-industrial byproducts and building of the associated mechanistic model for further scale-up



Quentin Carboue

Researcher in biobased transitions | URD ABI - AgroParisTech

PROSPECTIVES Project: Unlocking Microalgae Potential as a Sustainable Alternative Protein Source



Julie Person

Industrial Partnership Manager for Algae R&D Platform | CEA - R&D Algae & Processes Platform





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Aïcha El khamlichi
Scientific Coordinator –
Bio-based Products and
Biofuels | ADEME

2:00 PM – 3:35 PM

KET 04

La Sarine (2nd Floor)

KETs Enabling Smarter Bioeconomy Decisions: Metrics, Models & Impact



How environmental assessments can support the development of a sustainable bioeconomy?

Aïcha El khamlichi

Scientific Coordinator – Bio-based Products and Biofuels | ADEME



Monitoring Systems of the European Bioeconomy and its potential use to develop the Irish Bioeconomy

Jorge Diaz Huerta

Bioeconomy researcher | Teagasc



Life Cycle Assessment of Upcycled Sophorolipids Reveals Significant Environmental Advantages

Sophie Roelants

Business Development Manager | Amphistar BV



SYMBA: Smart Symbiosis and AI-Driven Process Modelling for a circular bioeconomy

Antonietta Pizza

Head of EU Projects Unit | Enco srl



Modeling the Socioeconomic Impacts of Logistics in the Açai (Euterpe spp.) Supply Chain in Codajás, Amazonas: A diagnosis of current logistics routes and infrastructure

Willians Silva

Researcher | UFAM



TBC

Sebastian Blum

Market Development Manager | Beckman Life Sciences



2:00 PM - 3:35 PM**Startup
Workshop 1****Le Chalet (1st Floor)****Fundraising Reality Check**

The objective of the workshop is to review your fundraising approach to ensure it is consistent with your overall strategy, and that it is realistic and aligned with current investor expectations. It helps start-ups assess the plausibility and coherence of their fundraising plans in light of current market standards. Through a combination of guided discussions and AI-based analytical tools, the start-ups gain a clear and factual understanding of how their fundraising compares to investor expectations.

**WORKSHOP FACILITATOR****Brigitte Baumann**

CEO and Founder | efino.ia

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Ludo Diels
Senior Advisor
VITO

4:05 PM - 5:40 PM

KET 05

Halle 4A (2nd Floor)

KETs engineering the future of biomanufacturing



**Industrial Scalable Platform
Technologies for Microalgae
Cultivation**

Timo Gehring

Professor of bio- and environmental
process engineering | htw saar - university
of applied sciences



**Innovation with Solid-State
Fermentation**

Tadashi Hara

Solid-State Fermentation Project
Manager & Section Chief | Fujiwara
Techno-Art Co.



**Chip-based multi-parameters
sensor for real-time
bioprocess monitoring,
enabling AI-driven
optimization in manufacturing**

Jérôme Michon

CEO | InSpek



**Exploitation of model-based
methods in
biomanufacturing**

Jan Niklas Pauk

Senior Research Scientist | Competence
Center CHASE



**Embedding
Biomanufacturing in a
Sustainable Society: Smart,
Circular, and Responsive
Biobased Production Systems**

Maarten Verhoeven

Scientist | Wageningen University and Research



**Bringing GenAI to the
Genome: Unlocking whole
genome strain design for
efficient feedstock
conversion to protein**

Sarah Bolmer

Head of Product | Triplebar





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Alois Kindler
Research Fellow
BASF

4:05 PM - 5:40 PM

KET 06

Salle 3E (1st Floor)

KETs Driving Circular Pathways from Biomass to Chemicals



Advancing Agrochemical Sustainability with CTO-Derived Innovations: SYLVASOLV™ Oils, Rosin Esters, TOFA, and DTO

Sara Frattini

Business Development Manager | Kraton Chemical



Purification of hydrolysates from lignocellulose for fermentation of platform chemicals

Arne Gröngröft

Group Leader Separation Technologies and Process Design | DBFZ - Deutsches Biomasseforschungszentrum



Production of biochar, gas and bio-oil by biomass pyrolysis: overview of technologies, pilot plants and products quality

Anthony Dufour

Research director | CNRS Nancy



A Step Further in Circular Economy: Seeking higher responsibility in Alkyl PolyGlucoside surfactants

Florent Bouxin

R&D project Leader | Seppic



TBC

Joana Gil Chavez

CEO | Lignopure



FERTIMANURE – Circular Solutions for Manure Valorization into fertilizers

Audrey Lallement

Research engineer | Rittmo





4:05 PM - 5:40 PM

KET 07

La Sarine (2nd Floor)

KETs Driving Nature-Inspired Routes to Advanced Sustainable Materials



Bioinspired chemistry as entry to exclusive functional materials

Michael Richter

Head of Department | Fraunhofer - Institute for Interfacial Engineering and Biotechnology IGB



Valorizing Lignin into Fully Renewable Epoxy Matrices: A Biomass-Conversion Route for Sustainable Composites

Aina Pérez Nakai

PhD Researcher | VITO (Vlaamse Instelling voor Technologisch Onderzoek)



Exploitation of branched sugar structures for coating and fibre applications

Stefan Hanstein

Project manager | Fraunhofer IWKS



Tailor-made biocatalysts for the sustainable conversion of lignins from the paper pulp industry into bio-based products

Susana Camarero

Scientific Researcher | Center of Biological Research Margarita Salas (CIB), CSIC



Drop-in carbohydrate-based diol for recyclable and low-toxicity thermosets

Maxime Hedou

PhD student | HES-SO Fribourg



4:00 PM - 5:40 PM

Startup Workshop 2

Le Chalet (1st Floor)

Funding Pathways for Start-ups in Europe and Switzerland: Research Grants and Financial Support Programs

This workshop provides a comprehensive overview of the funding landscape available to start-ups in Europe and Switzerland.

The access to European research funding opportunities may be presented by Bio-Invest Europe, offering concrete guidance on how start-ups can secure non-dilutive funding.



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KET 08

Halle 4A (2nd Floor)

KETs for Smarter Downstream Processing



Bridging Lab to Industrial Scale: Smart GEA Separation Solutions for Bioprocess Intensification

Tore Hartmann

Senior Product Manager Biochemicals | GEA Westfalia Separator Group GmbH



Driving industrial performance through digitalization: the Impact of Run 4.0 and Perform 4.0 in industrial purification

Alexandra Gimbernat

Technology Product Manager | Applexion



Smart Separation: Advanced Membrane Filtration for Complex Bioprocesses

Joao Andre

Business Development Manager | Kovalus Separation Solutions



Industrial Scale-Down Strategies for Robust Bioproduct Recovery and Purification in Biomanufacturing

Ramnik Singh

Senior Applications Manager, Bio-Chemicals | Sulzer



Biomass valorization: Technical solutions for lignocellulosic sugars purification and lignin recovery

Marie Chauve

Process Innovation Manager | Eurodia



9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

KET 09

Salle 3E (1st Floor)

KETs for Smarter Biofuel Pathways: Pyrolysis, HVO & Beyond



**Towards Sustainable Biofuels:
A Polyhydroxyalkanoate-
Based Approach**

Roger Marti

Professor | Haute école d'Ingenieurs et
d'Architectes de Fribourg



**Brazil's potential for
renewable diesel: oilseed
prioritization and process
development for HVO
production**

Victoria Kopp

Researcher | Firjan - SENAI Innovation Institute for
Biosynthetic and Fibers



**Utilizing waste biomass via
innovative thermochemical
conversion to produce high
quality products**

Robert Daschner

Head of Department | Fraunhofer
UMSICHT



**Mini Green Power compact
solutions to dry and convert
biomass in low-carbon
heat/power/biochar**

Servane Gadou-Gueny

Export Sales Director | Mini Green Power



**Flying the Future: Advances
in Aviation Fuels at the Joint
BioEnergy Institute (JBEI)**

Blake Simmons

Chief Science and Technology Officer | Joint
BioEnergy Institute



**Driving Bankability of
FuturoL Lignocellulosic
Biorefineries / Finance and
R&D: Two Sides of the Same
Coin**

Emilia Knospe

Technologist BIO | Axens

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KET 10

La Sarine (2nd Floor)

KETs for Circular Design: From Waste Streams to Functional Materials



Valorization of by-products into bio-inspired sustainable materials

Manon Guivier

Postdoctoral researcher | Adolphe Merkle Institute



Closing the loop of potato starch valorisation: starch from wastewater and rejected potato pieces for its use as thermoplastic starch in potato seed cultivation

Laura Villacian

R&D Project Manager | Tecnopackaging



Rethinking Sludge End-of-Life: From Waste to Valuable Bio-Resources

Alisar Kiwan

R&D Manager | B-Plas sbrl



Valorising Industrial Side Streams into Mycelium-based Materials: Innovative Biotechnological and Design Approaches

Marc Rüger

Scientist | Anhalt University of Applied Sciences



Upcycling food residues to sustainable fatty acids: how open mixed culture fermentation can turn chemistry circular

Maurice Oltheten

Head of R&D | ChainCraft



Better by Nature: Upcycling organic waste into plastic-free industrial performance materials

Beat Karrer

Founder & CEO | FLUIDSOLIDS® Biocomposites

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**Startup
Workshop 3****Le Chalet (1st Floor)****Structuring a sales approach that transforms corporate complexity into scalable revenue**

This workshop provides B2B tech start-ups with a clear, repeatable framework to approach, engage, and sell to corporates with credibility and impact. Based on proven Sandler sales principles, the session challenges conventional selling assumptions and refocuses founders on buyer alignment, decision-making dynamics, and balanced risk in sales conversations. The objective is to shorten sales cycles, avoid poorly qualified opportunities, and build durable corporate relationships.

Participants gain practical sales tactics, stronger execution discipline, and the mindset shift required to sell effectively within complex corporate environments. Delivered in partnership with Bertrand Klaiber from Tech4regen | EPFL, the workshop is led by Bill Morrison, founder of Sandler Training in Switzerland.

**WORKSHOP FACILITATOR****Bill Morrison**

Managing Partner | Sandler Training

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11:00AM - 1:00 PM

Plenary Session 3

Reprogramming Nature: Biosolutions for the Future of Food



**Luuk Van
Der
Wielen**

Director

Bright at DTU

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**Morten
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Round Table



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Site Visit 1

Liebherr Visit - Insights into pioneering technologies

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

As we move towards a sustainable future, we present the innovative drive systems that we are working on in detail. Let our diverse portfolio of future-oriented drive technologies inspire you. In the near future, new products will be launched that are powered by hydrogen and fuel cells as energy converters. The first hydrogen-powered Liebherr R9XX H2 crawler excavator was already presented at Bauma 2022 and won the Innovation Award. During the visit you will experience the LMB state-of-the-art test benches as well as the partnership between companies to promote hydrogen infrastructure.

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Site Visit 2

Bluefactory - ChemTech - Marly Innovation Center

1:30 PM - 6:00 PM

This visit offers an in-depth immersion into the Fribourg innovation ecosystem. It begins at the Bluefactory site, an innovation hub located in the heart of Fribourg that brings together start-ups, research institutes and support organisations. Participants will discover either the applied research institute specialising in plastics and polymers, or the Biofactory Competence Center, dedicated to applied biotechnologies.

The visit will then continue on the ChemTech, which provides pre-industrialisation infrastructures dedicated to green chemistry. This environment supports the early scale-up phases of innovative projects such as Bloom and Seprify, whose experiences will be presented. At the end of this stage (around 4:30 pm), participants with travel constraints will be able to reach Fribourg railway station easily by bus.

The visit will conclude at the Marly Innovation Center, a major innovation site developing a hub focused in particular on green chemistry. Visitors will have the opportunity to discover the iPrint, an international centre of excellence in printing technologies, illustrated through a project involving the printing of bio-sourced materials.

The return is scheduled via Fribourg railway station, followed by Forum Fribourg, with final arrival around 6:00 pm.



Site Visit 3

AgriCo Site Visit

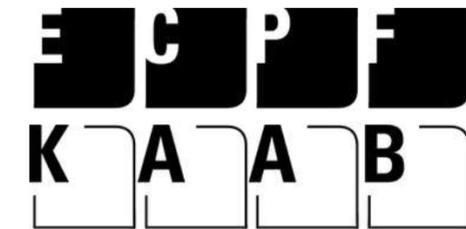
As part of Bioket.tech 2026, participants are invited to discover AgriCo, the Swiss campus dedicated to agri-food, biomass, and biotechnological innovation.

This visit offers a unique opportunity to explore how biotech-driven solutions — such as efficient production-site, precision agriculture, insect-based systems, and algae cultivation — are being developed, tested, and scaled on the site.

AgriCo represents a living ecosystem for circular bio-innovation, where industrial players, research institutions, and start-ups collaborate to transform biological resources into high-value products for food, materials, and energy applications.



1:30 PM - 5:30 PM





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