

14th Microbiome R&D and Business Collaboration Forum



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The Hague, Netherlands

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14TH MICROBIOME R&D AND BUSINESS COLLABORATION FORUM

BRINGS TOGETHER LEADING RESEARCHERS, CLINICIANS, AND INDUSTRY INNOVATORS TO EXPLORE THE TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT OF THE MICROBIOME ON HEALTH, MEDICINE, AND LIFESTYLE. THE CONFERENCE SPANS THREE KEY TRACKS: THE GUT MICROBIOME, HIGHLIGHTING MECHANISMS, CLINICAL TRIALS, AND THERAPEUTIC DEVELOPMENT; THE SKIN MICROBIOME, FOCUSING ON DERMATOLOGY, IMMUNITY, AND OPPORTUNITIES IN WOUND HEALING AND CONSUMER HEALTH; AND CONSUMER HEALTH, WHERE MICROBIOME SCIENCE DRIVES INNOVATION IN NUTRITION, SKINCARE, AND EVERYDAY WELLNESS PRODUCTS.

ATTENDEES WILL GAIN INSIGHTS INTO CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH, TRANSLATIONAL APPLICATIONS, AND COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES, WHILE CONNECTING WITH THE EXPERTS SHAPING THE FUTURE OF MICROBIOME SCIENCE. THIS CONFERENCE OFFERS A UNIQUE PLATFORM TO BRIDGE FUNDAMENTAL DISCOVERY WITH PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS THAT IMPROVE HEALTH, LIFESTYLE, AND WELLBEING ACROSS POPULATIONS.

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2026 THEMES

Gut Microbiome

-From Mechanisms to Medicine

Exploring how gut microbes shape systemic health, nutrition, and disease, with emphasis on translational research, clinical trials, and therapeutic development.

Skin Microbiome

-Innovation in Dermatology and Beyond

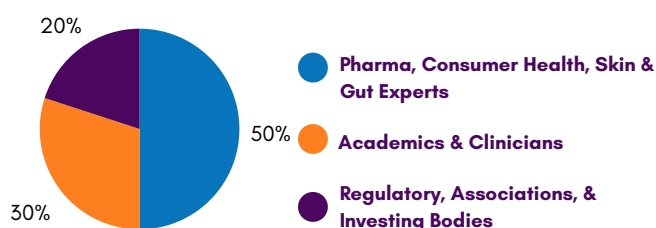
Uncovering the role of the skin microbiome in health, immunity, and disease, while highlighting opportunities in dermatology, wound healing, and consumer health applications.

Consumer Health

-Where science meets lifestyle; uncover how microbiome drives innovation in everyday health.

Consumer Health is transforming everyday lifestyle ; from nutrition and skincare to the infant and women's microbiome. This track connects scientific innovation, legislation, and commercialization, highlighting how research translates into safe, effective consumer products.

WHO WILL ATTEND?



FEATURED SPEAKERS & PRESENTATION TOPICS

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Menopausal changes in skin
microbiome and skincare approach
for prevention of age-related
changes in female skin



JELENA HELENE CVEJIC
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Exploring how gut microbes shape
systemic health, nutrition, and disease,
with emphasis on translational
research, clinical trials, and therapeutic
development

LUCIE DURACHER
MATERNAL & INFANT
HEALTH SCIENCE LEAD
PHILIPS

Microbiome: A Constant Thread
Across Consumer Health – Lessons
from 15 Years of Innovation



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RONNY SZELINSKY FOUNDER & CEO GETHAPPY

Why the female microbiome is different? Insights into a core driver for women's health & longevity.



MARINE FAN GLOBAL MARKETING DIRECTOR LABOBIO PARIS

Skin microbiome based skincare and Anti-Aging: new approach?

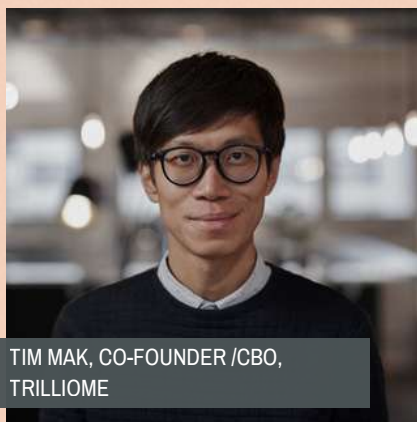


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Advancing EXL01 Through Clinical Trials & Mechanistic Discovery to Enable Immune Modulation Across Diseases



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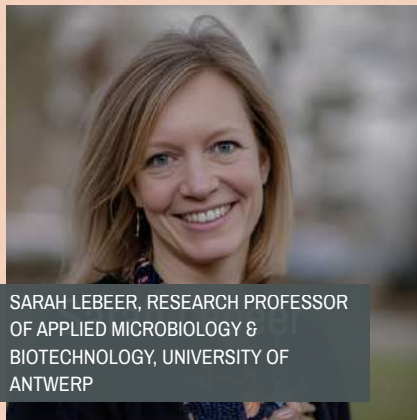
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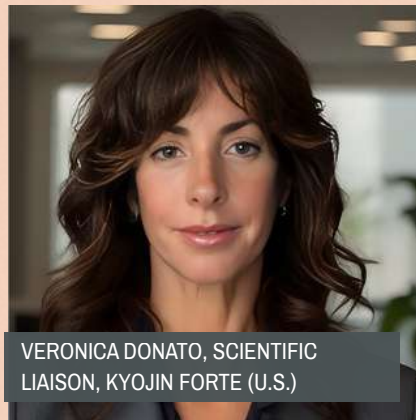
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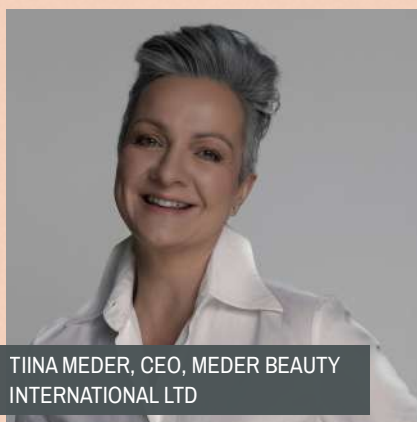
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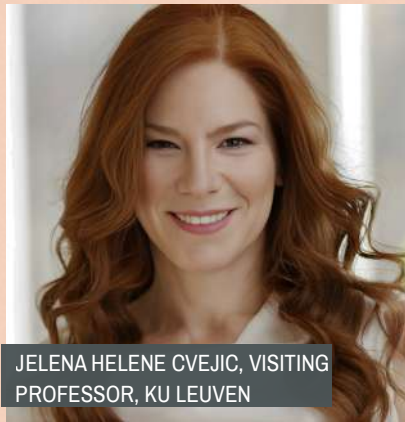
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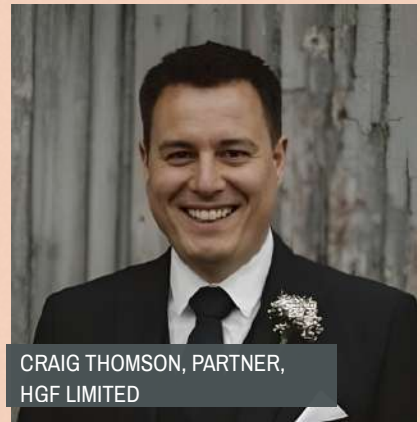
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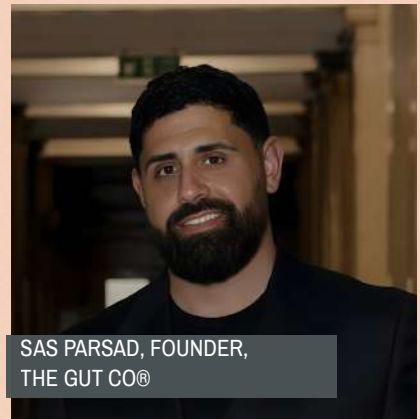
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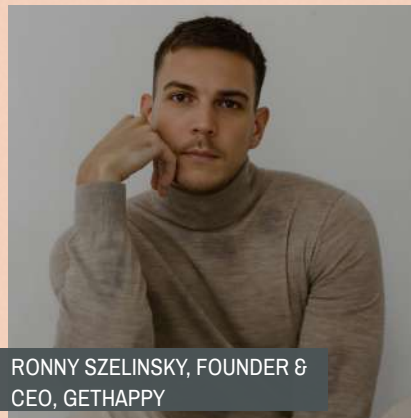
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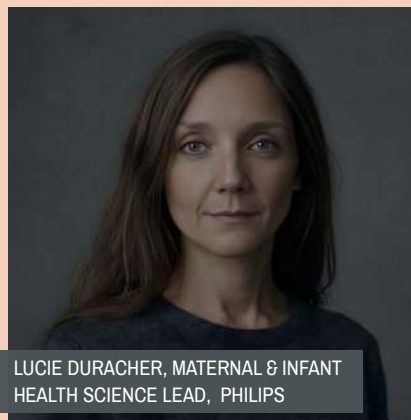
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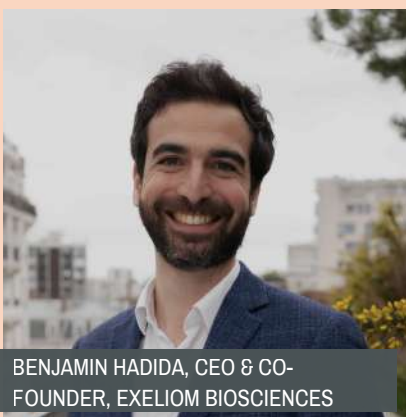
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