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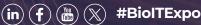




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#### DEAR COLLEAGUE.

For more than two decades, we've set aside a few days in Boston in the spring as essential time to learn, strategize, and connect with our community. This year we are particularly excited about the conversations we will host from in April 2-4, 2025.

We'll get the latest on the spectrum of digital and data transformations, avoid the hype to assess the real influence of Al, machine learning, and IoT, and hear updates on the quest to address real-world data challenges using Open Source and FAIR data principles. We will get sneak peeks of the industry's latest new products and hear early pilot results for projects using predictive and generative AI models to accelerate discovery and development.

While we are big proponents of staying connected all year long, nothing replaces dedicated time to learn and network. We hope you'll join us for three engaging days of workshops, symposia,

conference tracks, exhibit hall of leading technology service provider offerings, and networking opportunities. This year's event promises to be as dynamic as ever, featuring our flagship tracks alongside exciting new topics that reflect the latest industry trends.

Don't miss this chance to take part in an influential gathering where science and IT converge to advance precision medicine. We look forward to seeing you in Boston!



**Allison Proffitt** Editorial Director, Bio-IT World



**Cindy Crowninshield Executive Event Director** Bio-IT World Conference & Expo

#### **EVENT AT-A-GLANCE**

THURSDAY, APRIL 3 - FRIDAY, APRIL 4

#### 11 BIO-IT-FOCUSED CONFERENCE TRACKS

Data Platforms & Storage Infrastructure



**Data Management** 



**Data Science & Analytics Technologies** 



**Software Applications & Services** 



Cloud for AI/ML & Modern Data Science



**Generative AI** 



Al for Drug Discovery & Development



Al for Oncology, Precision Medicine & Health



**Bioinformatics** 



**Pharmaceutical R&D Informatics** 



**Digitalization of Clinical Development** 

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

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#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

SYMPOSIA



**Knowledge Graphs** 



Digital Biopharma



**Generative AI Tools** 

**TECHNICAL** WORKSHOPS

FAIRification Lab-Applying FAIR Principles to Enhance Data Stewardship Foundations of Quantum Computing in Drug Discovery

Al in Antibody Design

Making Data AI-Ready **Advanced Applications and** Roadmap for Quantum Computing in Pharma

TUESDAY, APRIL 1 - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

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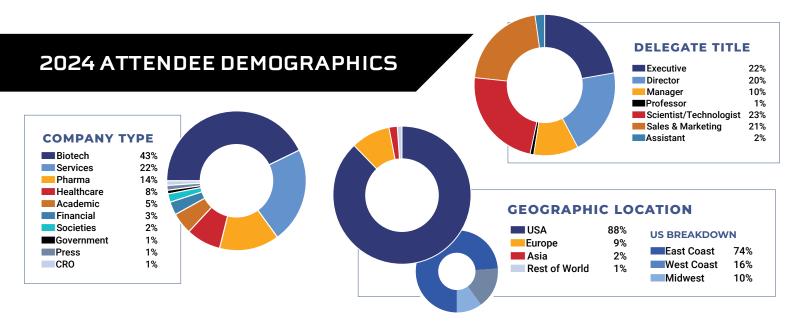
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# **PLENARY KEYNOTE PROGRAM**



James J. Collins. PhD Termeer Professor, Medical Engineering & Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Per Greisen, PhD President, BioMap



Sonia Makhni, MD Medical Director, Mayo Clinic Platform



Robert C. Green, MD, MPH Professor and Director of Genomes2People Research, Mass General Brigham, Broad Institute. Ariadne Labs and Harvard Medical School



Sofia Guerra Vice President. Bessemer Venture **Partners** 



**Allison Proffitt** Editorial Director, Bio-IT World

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 | 4:40-6:10 PM

#### 4:40 pm Organizer's Remarks

Cindy Crowninshield, Executive Event Director, Cambridge Healthtech Institute

4:45 pm Plenary Keynote CI\*vertex Introduction

#### 4:55 pm PLENARY KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: From Bytes to Breakthroughs: Generative Al Driving the Future of Life Sciences and Healthcare

Sofia Guerra, Vice President, Bessemer Venture Partners Subha Madhaven, Vice President and Head, AI/ML. Quantitative and Digital Sciences, Global Metrics and Data Management, Pfizer Inc.

Per Greisen, PhD, President, BioMap Sonya Makhni, MD, Medical Director, Mayo Clinic Platform

Generative AI has the potential to transform life sciences and deliver unprecedented insights, automation, and efficiency. But is it? This keynote panel brings together leaders from biopharma, healthcare, and emerging tech who are leveraging Al to advance drug discovery, diagnostics, and patient care. Panelists will share their own case studies and real-world applications and discuss how they've tackled challenges—both technical and cultural. Look beyond the hype curve to see how this technology is really being used now and where the next opportunities lie.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 3 | 8:00-9:30 AM

8:00 am Organizer's Remarks

Allison Proffitt, Editorial Director, Bio-IT World

8:05 am Plenary Keynote Introduction



#### 8:15 am PLENARY KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Deep Learning for Antibiotic Discovery

James J. Collins, PhD, Termeer Professor, Medical Engineering & Science, Massachusetts Institute of

This presentation delves into how advanced deep learning models analyze vast molecular libraries to identify potential antibiotic compounds with remarkable speed and precision. Highlighting recent breakthroughs and real-world applications,



Subha Madhaven Vice President and Head, AI/ ML, Quantitative and Digital Sciences, Global Metrics and Data Management, Pfizer Inc.

Dr. Collins will discuss Al's transformative potential to address antibiotic resistance and open new pathways for therapeutics.

8:45 am KEYNOTE PLENARY PRESENTATION: Generative AI, Aging Research and Robotics as a Platform for Drug Discovery: From Hype to Clinical Efficacy

Alex Zhavoronkov, PhD, Founder & CEO, Insilico Medicine

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 4 | 8:00-9:45 AM

#### 8:00 am Organizer's Remarks

Cindy Crowninshield, Executive Event Director, Cambridge Healthtech Institute

#### 8:05 Innovative Practices Awards: Excellence in Technological Innovation

Allison Proffitt, Editorial Director, Bio-IT World

The Innovative Practices Awards recognizes and celebrates technology innovation in the life sciences. Bio-IT World is currently accepting entries for the 2025 Innovative Practices Awards, a competition designed to recognize partnerships and projects pushing our industry forward. Winners will be announced in mid-March 2025, recognized during the Friday, April 4 Plenary Keynote Program, and scheduled to give a podium presentation about their project during the conference. For more details about the Awards and to submit an application, visit www. bioitworldexpo.com/innovativepractices.

8:20 am Plenary Keynote illumına<sup>\*</sup> Introduction

#### 8:30 am PLENARY KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Scaling Genomic Medicine: Transforming **Newborn Screening through Informatics** and Innovation

Robert C. Green, MD, MPH, Professor and Director of Genomes2People Research, Mass General Brigham, Broad Institute, Ariadne Labs and Harvard Medical

The BabySeq Project has pioneered the integration



Justin M. Scheer, PhD Vice President In Silico Discovery & Head, Molecular Computational Team, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine



Alex Zhavoronkov, PhD Founder & CEO. Insilico Medicine

of genomic sequencing into newborn and childhood screening, uncovering unexpected risk variants and transforming healthcare delivery. This keynote explores the groundbreaking progress in genomic medicine, featuring real-world stories of families impacted by these discoveries. Learn about the informatics challenges and innovative solutions required to scale genomic screening for national and global implementation, reshaping the future of precision medicine.

9:00 am PLENARY KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Unlocking the Power of Machine Learning and Data-at-Scale to Deliver with Speed the **Best Therapeutic Candidates** 

Justin M. Scheer, PhD, Vice President In Silico Discovery & Head, Molecular Computational Team, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine

The challenges of high costs, lengthy timelines, and significant attrition have prompted our industry to integrate AI/ML into all aspects of the business. This presentation highlights J&J's strategic investments in AI/ML technologies to enhance the drug discovery processes, including molecule design and optimization. By investing in these technologies with a modality agnostic approach, J&J aims to tackle the hardest targets in drug discovery, ultimately increasing the success rate of delivering better molecules faster. 9:30 am Session O&A







# 2025 AWARDS PROGRAMS

#### **Bio-IT World Innovative Practices Awards**



Recognizing and Celebrating Innovation in the Life Sciences

Bio-IT World is accepting entries for the 2025 Innovative Practices Awards, a competition designed to recognize the most exciting partnerships and projects pushing the life sciences industry forward. The deadline for entry is January 31, 2025, and the \$300 application fee will be waived for entrants who meet the early submission deadline of **December 31, 2024.** 

For more than two decades, the Innovative Practices Awards have highlighted strategies that can be widely shared and implemented across the industry to improve science quality, pace, and reach. Judged by an independent panel of industry experts, the awards honor the ideas that are accelerating life sciences advancements. This year, winners will be announced in mid-March and will be invited to accept their awards during the Friday, April 4 plenary session Bio-IT World Conference & Expo as well as present their winning entries in a special, Innovative Practices Award Winners session in Boston later that morning. For more information on the program and to download the entry form, please visit Bio-ITWorldExpo.com/InnovativePractices

#### Bio-IT World 2025 Best of Show Awards



Recognizing Exceptional Innovation in Technologies Used by Life Sciences Professionals

The Best of Show Awards offer exhibitors of the Bio-IT World Conference & Expo an exclusive opportunity to distinguish and highlight their products, whether an innovative application, technology, tool, or solution. The Bio-IT

World community is invited to identify exceptional innovation in technologies used by life science professionals, voting on the most impactful new products of the year.

We look forward to continuing this tradition. Exhibitors are invited to enter their products via the online submission form below. Attendees are encouraged to explore the novel technologies and solutions firsthand in the exhibit hall and vote for the People's Choice Award once the conference has begun. Please note, selection is not based upon level of sponsorship or exhibit participation.

Please visit: Bio-ITWorldExpo.com/Best-of-Show-Awards

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- ALLISON PROFFITT, EDITORIAL DIRECTOR, BIO-IT WORLD

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### KNOWLEDGE GRAPHS

Bring Knowledge Graphs to Life through Real-World Scientific Applications

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#### TUESDAY, APRIL 1

5:00 pm Registration Open

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 am Registration and Morning Coffee

9:00 Organizer's Remarks

#### BUILDING AND LEVERAGING FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE GRAPHS FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

9:05 Chairperson's Remarks

Janice McCallum, Managing Director, Health Content Advisors

# 9:10 Human Reference Atlas Knowledge Graph: Construction and Applications

Katy Börner, PhD, Victor H. Yngve Distinguished Professor of Engineering and Information Science, Intelligent Systems Engineering, Indiana University

Experts from 20 consortia are developing the Human Reference Atlas (HRA) to map the 37 trillion cells of the healthy human body. With over 6 million nodes and 57 million edges, the HRA Knowledge Graph enables advanced data queries through platforms like the HuBMAP portal and HRA Organ Gallery. This presentation highlights how data from HuBMAP, SenNet, and GTEx are integrated into the HRA, advancing precision health and medicine.

# 9:35 A Graph Database with Billions of Nodes and Edges Linking Mouse and Human Genetics

Matthew Gerring, MEng, Senior Manager, Computational Sciences, The Jackson Laboratory

Over the last three years we have been working on a vast array of data and linking it into a graph database. Using techniques including streaming, intermediate SQL databases and bulk import we have built a database which links mouse and human genes and can be used in a wide range of scientific research. This talk will detail how we did that computationally and show how to use the database.

# 10:00 Advancing Medical QA: A Knowledge Graph Agent for Complex, Multi-Strategy Reasoning

Xiaorui Su, PhD, Harvard Medical School

Medical reasoning presents unique challenges that require integrating multi-source, grounded, and specialized domain knowledge. In this work, we introduced KGARevion, a KG-based LLM agent that addresses these challenges by combining the non-codified knowledge of LLMs with the structured, codified knowledge of medical concepts stored in KGs. Through its adaptive reasoning and mechanisms for generating, verifying, and revising knowledge, KGARevion can handle complex medical QA, and ensure contextual relevance and reliability.

10:25 Presentation to be Announced

10:55 Networking Coffee Break

# 11:15 SAGE: Scientific Discovery through Al-Infused Knowledge Graphs to Enrich Disease Understanding

Miguel R. Goncalves, PhD, Associate Director, Oncology R&D, AstraZeneca

Attendees will learn how SAGE, an AI-infused knowledge graph platform, facilitates scientific discovery by integrating multiomics and clinical data for disease understanding. The session will demonstrate how users can access insights through a chatbot without hallucination risks, empowering both technical and non-technical users to quickly generate cohorts, retrieve statistics, and streamline decision-making in life sciences research, with applications that can be replicated across the industry.

#### 11:40 Enhancing Drug Manufacturing with a Batch Genealogy Knowledge Graph

John M. Apathy, Chief Solutions Officer, Life Sciences, XponentL Data, Inc.

Batch Genealogy is a core data product at the heart of the Product Development, Manufacturing, and Supply Chain domains in any Biopharmaceutical company. Batch Xplorer is a vital resource to serve end-to-end manufacturing batch genealogy data needs such as product developability, product market compliance, and quality investigations. Leveraging AWS Neptune RDF graph database technology, the solution provides a comprehensive set of functionalities for data ingestion, profiling, transformation, navigation, retrieval, and analysis.

12:05 pm Transition to Lunch

# 12:15 LUNCHEON PRESENTATION: Harnessing AI to Identify Causal Relationships and Enhance Research and Scientific Validation in Pharma



Peter Doerr, Director, Presales, metaphacts

This talk discusses how AI methods can help find gaps between curated knowledge in knowledge graphs and unstructured knowledge in scientific texts. We provide examples of how databases like OpenTargets can be enriched by using AI to identify causal relationships in scientific documents. With Knowledge Graph technology, these relationships are used to augment existing databases, allowing users to compare, spot gaps and, crucially, find the relevant literature to ensure scientific validation.

**12:45** Luncheon Presentation (Sponsorship Opportunity Available) or Enjoy Lunch on Your Own

1:15 Session Break

# ADVANCING BIOMEDICAL INSIGHTS: KNOWLEDGE GRAPHS, AI/ML, AND GENERATIVE FRAMEWORKS IN RESEARCH AND DRUG DISCOVERY

1:30 Chairperson's Remarks

Janice McCallum, Managing Director, Health Content Advisors

1:35 Knowledge Graphs: Bridging the Clinic and Drug Discovery Michael Liebman, PhD, Managing Director, IPQ Analytics, LLC

An accurate understanding of disease is the cornerstone of bridging the clinic and drug discovery. This requires accounting for the real-world complexities of patients, diseases, and clinical practice. This presentation highlights a unique application of knowledge graphs to uncover critical gaps and resolve conflicts in data. Focused on women's health, it explores the interaction between physiologic development, disease risk, and clinical presentation to advance therapeutic discovery.

2:00 Integrating AI/ML Solutions with Cutting-Edge Biology to Identify New Condensate Targets and Revolutionary Medicine

Avinash Patel, PhD, Senior Director, Head Exploratory Sciences, Dewpoint Therapeutics GmbH

Biomolecular condensates regulate key biological processes, and their dysfunction, or condensatopathies, drives disease. These are novel therapeutic targets for drug discovery. Dewpoint's Al-powered platform uses graph-based target identification, multi-omics data, and deep learning models to optimize condensate-modifying drugs (c-mods). This approach prioritizes c-mods for diseases like colorectal cancer, addressing key dysfunctions. Dewpoint's platform supports oncology and neurodegeneration programs, developing innovative small-molecule therapies for high unmet needs.

2:25 Integrating LLMs, Ontologies, and Graph Structures: A Unified Framework for Advanced Data Insights

Ray Lukas, Principal Emerging Technologies Engineer, The MITRE Corporation, MITRE Labs

This talk introduces a cutting-edge framework that integrates large language models (LLMs), ontologies, and graph structures to unify disparate datasets









# KNOWLEDGE GRAPHS

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for biomedical research. This unified platform enhances the ability to derive advanced insights through natural language queries, removing the need for expertise in native query languages. Positioned as a bridge between foundational graph technologies and generative AI, this framework offers transformative potential for life sciences applications, accelerating discovery and innovation.

2:50 Networking Refreshment Break

**3:10 Sponsored Presentation** (Opportunity Available)

3:40 Pre-Introducing Knowledge Graphs and Large Language Models: Dangerous Predictions about the Next Token

Ben Busby, PhD, Principal Scientist, DNAnexus, Inc.

Helena Deus, PhD, Lead for Semantic Data Products, Bristol Myers Squibb Co. Brian Martin, Chief Al Product Owner, BTS; Head of Al, R&D Information Research; Senior Research Fellow, AbbVie, Inc.

Tom Plasterer, PhD, Managing Director, Life Sciences Innovation, ExponentL Data

Explore the dynamic intersection of knowledge graphs and large language models in this forward-looking session. This talk delves into the emerging possibilities and risks as semantic data integrates with generative AI, offering 'dangerous predictions' about the next token. Join us to examine how these technologies could reshape scientific discovery, data interpretation, and innovation across life sciences and beyond.

4:30 Refreshment Break & Transition to Plenary Keynote



#### 4:40 Organizer's Remarks

Cindy Crowninshield, Executive Event Director, Cambridge Healthtech Institute

4:45 Presentation to be Announced



4:55 PLENARY KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: From Bytes to Breakthroughs: Generative AI Driving the Future of Life Sciences and Healthcare





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**6:10 Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall with Poster Viewing** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

Benchling

The Bio-IT Kickoff Reception is a reunion—reconnect with friends, explore cutting-edge research, and celebrate innovation! Enjoy poster presentations, networking, and vote for the Best of Show and Poster awards.

7:25 Close of Day



# It was an amazing fusion of innovation, R&D, drug discovery and pureplay technology that came to the table so it was actually a feast!

NIMITA LIMAYE, RESEARCH VP, LIFE SCIENCES R&D STRATEGY AND TECHNOLOGY, IDC









#### TUESDAY, APRIL 1

5:00 pm Registration Open

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 am Registration and Morning Coffee

9:00 Organizer's Remarks

#### IT ENVIRONMENTS AND WORKFLOW **MODERNIZATION**

9:05 Advancing RNA R&D: Leveraging Automation, AI/ML, and Modern Data Management

Sebastian Schlicker, Head, Biologics Business Operations, Genedata AG

#### 9:10 Putting the IT in New Modalities at AstraZeneca

Y. Morris Chen, PhD, Target Identification Capability Lead, R&D IT, AstraZeneca

The speaker will discuss how AstraZeneca R&D IT addresses the rapid evolution and challenges of cell therapy research and development, including key considerations and short-term and long-term strategic foci.

#### 9:35 Harnessing Data Management and Querying for Advancements in AAV Research and in vivo Studies

Shijun Yu, Senior Scientist, Roche

Adeno-Associated Virus (AAV) data, including properties, genealogy, and assay results, are integrated into our biological data warehouse and D360 platform. This improves AAV research accuracy and efficiency, accelerating cell and gene therapy advancements. Additionally, the in vivo studies complement the existing in vitro data in D360, as well as integrating with various data sources across modalities, largely facilitating the decisionmaking for the drug discovery in Roche Pharma R&D.

#### 10:00 Launching into the Future: Sanofi's Biologics Al Moonshot Program—Advancing AI Strategy and Innovation for Biologics

Yves Fomekong Nanfack, PhD, Executive Director, Head of End to End Al Foundations, Large Molecules Research, Sanofi

Sanofi recently launched the BioAIM program to push forward on our ambition to transform biologics drug discovery. This talk will discuss the landscape of opportunities for ML and AI in all aspects of antibody generation to design and engineering of advanced modalities, our approach, examples of novel methods developed, and early results.

#### 10:25 How to Standardize Data Science Ways of Working to Unlock Your Data Science Teams' Creativity

Eric Ma, PhD, Principal Data Scientist, Moderna, Inc.

As data science teams grow, balancing consistency with creative innovation becomes crucial. Drawing from my experience building data science teams at Moderna. I'll share how thoughtfully designed workflows enhance creativity by providing stable foundations. We'll explore practical strategies for standardizing project initialization and delivery patterns while preserving scientists' freedom to solve problems their way, using modern tools like pixi and uv to make good practices the path of least resistance.

#### 10:55 Networking Coffee Break

#### 11:15 Exploring Cutting-Edge AI and Machine Learning Innovations in Biologics Drug Discovery

Monica Wang, PhD, Head of Biologics and Novel Modality Discovery Capabilities and Products, Scientific Informatics, Takeda

Understand how computational methods can utilize large and varied datasets to make in silico predictions for optimal design and enhancement of biologics. Learn how recent progress in AI and machine learning has enhanced the ability to mine data for insights related to biologics drug discovery. Explore the opportunities and challenges presented by deep learning techniques in the design and optimization of innovative biologics therapeutics.

#### 11:40 Empower Gilead Biologics Innovation with AI/ML through Informatics Ecosystem Transformation

Epic Ding, Senior Manager, Research Informatics, Gilead

Ying Huang, Director of Data Science, Gilead

Gilead Research Informatics and Research Data Science have been partnering with PTx to revolutionize the large molecule informatics ecosystem which is built on top of existing data infrastructure. Vendor systems and internally developed applications are integrated as a cohesive, scalable ecosystem to support the next decade's biologics innovation. We will highlight AI/ML applications that leverage data integration and transformation to accelerate candidate selection and facilitate molecule engineering.

12:05 pm Transition to Lunch

12:15 Luncheon Presentation (Sponsorship Opportunity Available) or **Enjoy Lunch on Your Own** 

1:15 Session Break

#### **NEW FRAMEWORKS AND TECHNOLOGIES** ADVANCING BIOLOGICS DISCOVERY

#### 1:30 Chairperson's Remarks

Sebastian Schlicker, Head, Biologics Business Operations, Genedata AG

#### 1:35 Building Cell Therapy Multi-Modal Molecular **Imaging Ecosystem**

Jenny Wei, PhD, Senior Director, R&D Informatics and Technology, Kite Pharma As Kite Pharma advances cell therapy to solid tumors and autoimmune diseases, advanced imaging technologies are invested in CART discovery. Kite Pharma is collaborating with NVIDIA and Deloitte to explore accelerated streaming of multi-terabyte images to cloud with optimized storage,

automated cell segmentation analysis on MONAI with foundation models, integration within image modalities and among diverse modalities (clinical, genomics, and imaging), and GenAl-augmented image meta-data indexing and exploration.

#### 2:00 Med.ai-CAR T: An Integrated CAR T Data and Analytic Platform for R&D

Lina Yang, PhD, Senior Scientist, Data Science and Digital Health, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine

As an R&D organization, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine Data Science & Digital Health is collaborating with the oncology teams to develop an integrated solution for advanced analysis across modalities and scales in CART research. Access to multimodality data will enable the utilization of advanced AI/ML technology to enhance our understanding of manufacturability, efficacy, and safety in cell therapy products.

#### 2:25 From Request to Results: Automating Lab Workflows with Predictive Resource Scheduling

Luis Lebolo, PhD, Director of Software Engineering, Generate Biomedicines Discover how we transformed lab operations by developing an in-house workflow management and predictive scheduling system. Our solution automates the end-to-end process from request to results, integrating tightly with our data platform, informatics tools, and automation. By tracking progress, supporting task handoffs, and optimizing resource allocation, we enhanced efficiency and visibility across the lab. Learn how predictive resource scheduling answers critical questions about timing and workload management.

2:50 Networking Refreshment Break

#### 3:10 Talk Title to be Announced

Tamerlan Saidov, Digital Strategy Consultant, Zifo Technologies, Inc.

**3:25 Sponsored Presentation** (Opportunity Available)











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### DIGITAL BIOPHARMA

Automate & Digitize Novel Modalities R&D

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#### 3:40 Digital in Biotherapeutics at AbbVie: A Ten-Year Retrospective **Shaping Our Future Vision**

Sukru Kaymakcalan, Director, R&D Information Research, AbbVie, Inc.

Digital transformation, rapid scientific and technological advancements, and advanced analytics are reshaping digital solutions in biotherapeutics R&D. We'll review AbbVie's efforts over the past decade to share insights, identify challenges and opportunities, and present our vision for a data-driven, digitally enabled biotherapeutics organization ready to tackle tomorrow's biopharma challenges.

#### 4:05 Digital Infrastructure for Decentralized R&D in the Life Sciences

Charles Demurjian, Lead Data Specialist, BioMicro Center at MIT Douaa Mugahid, Data Officer, Hi-IMPAcTB consortium, Harvard School of Public

The explosion of multiomics in the life sciences is catalyzing a shift towards digital biology at unprecedented speed. In the world of digital biology, not only do we need interdisciplinary research teams of wet and dry lab researchers working closely together, but also the infrastructure to support their collaboration. This session will discuss efforts being made to support decentralized digital biology inspired by learnings from the international NIHfunded consortium, Hi-IMPAcTB.

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#### TUESDAY, APRIL 1

5:00 pm Registration Open

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 am Registration and Morning Coffee

9:00 Organizer's Remarks

#### **INNOVATIVE APPLICATIONS AND STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERATIVE AI IN** SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

9:05 Chairperson's Remarks

9:10 Genie's Toolbox: Mastering the Secret Sauce of GenAl **Tool Selection** 

Vinod Das, R&D Drug Innovation, AI Solutions, Bayer Pharmaceuticals

Maximize ROI and accelerate time-to-market by choosing the right Generative Al tools. This session offers a versatile evaluation formula for professionals, especially in pharma, to navigate complexities. We'll cover key factors like data compatibility, human-AI interaction, regulatory compliance, ROI, and technical debt mitigation. Join me to create a practical roadmap for GenAl tool selection and unlock unparalleled efficiency and success.

#### 9:35 How Generative AI is Transforming Digital Healthcare

Vishakha Sharma, PhD, Senior Principal Data Scientist, Roche Molecular Systems, Inc.

This talk explores how healthcare-specific Large Language Models (LLMs) elevate drug discovery by creating detailed oncology patient timelines from Electronic Health Records (EHRs). Using LLMs, we synthesize chemotherapy treatment data across diverse clinical documents-primary care, oncology notes, discharge summaries, emergency records, and pathology/radiology reports. These timelines reveal treatment patterns, response rates, and progression insights, offering a comprehensive, longitudinal view that enhances drug discovery and development.

#### 10:00 Generative AI for Scalable Dynamic Models in **Precision Medicine**

Iman Tavassoly, MD, PhD, Founder and CEO, QMed

This talk will highlight how generative AI can create dynamic and mathematical models for precision medicine, enabling the simulation of patient-specific responses. We will explore a platform that generates and scales these models efficiently, optimizing therapeutic predictions. The application of these Al-driven models promises to transform precision and quantitative medicine, improving personalized treatment and clinical decision-making.

**10:25 Sponsored Presentation** (Opportunity Available)

10:55 Networking Coffee Break

#### 11:15 Transforming Scientific Discovery with AI/ML and the Globus Platform

Rachana Ananthakrishnan, Executive Director, University of Chicago, Globus

Modern scientific instruments generate vast data volumes that surpass local processing limits. Leveraging AI/ML with the Globus platform, researchers can intelligently analyze targeted data subsets or guide instruments to critical experimental areas. This talk explores how Globus supports distributed data management and computing, enabling efficient analysis and selfdriven experiments. Examples include applications in antimicrobial peptide identification, x-ray ptychography, and small molecule screening, showcasing Globus's transformative impact on life sciences research.

#### 11:40 GenAl in Action: Practical Use Cases Driving Efficiency and Innovation at Novartis

Ken Karapetyan, PhD, Associate Director, Product Development and Growth, Novartis

This presentation will explore GenAl initiatives developed by Novartis that demonstrate how AI can streamline research processes, optimize operations, and drive scientific advancements. Key tools will be highlighted, including FairChat, which analyzes and visualizes internal data; Protein Copilot, which identifies immunogenic peptides in the literature and provides contextual summaries; Alive, which generates detailed and compliant animal licenses; and ITKnows, which summarizes targeted knowledge from scientific literature.

12:05 pm Transition to Lunch

12:15 Luncheon Presentation (Sponsorship Opportunity Available) or **Enjoy Lunch on Your Own** 

1:15 Session Break

#### TRANSFORMING DRUG DISCOVERY AND **MOLECULAR INNOVATION THROUGH GENERATIVE AI**

1:30 Chairperson's Remarks

1:35 A Primer on Hugging Face Tools, Large Language Models, and Generative AI for Biomedical Research

Parthiban Srinivasan, PhD, Professor and Director, Centre for AI in Medicine, Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, India

This primer introduces biomedical researchers to Hugging Face tools, Large Language Models (LLMs), and Generative Al. It covers the basics of LLMs, their architecture, and applications in areas such as data extraction, literature analysis, and predictive modeling. Attendees will learn practical techniques like prompt engineering, model fine-tuning, and retrieval-augmented generation (RAG). The talk provides hands-on insights into leveraging Hugging Face's tools for applying generative AI to transform biomedical research workflows.

#### 2:00 Unlock the Potential of Data: Leveraging LLMs and Generative AI for Breakthroughs in Drug Discovery and Predictive Molecular Innovation

Bharti Gajera, Associate Director, IT Business Partner, Biologics & I/O Discovery, Bristol Myers Squibb Co.

Haribabu Muppanani, Technical Domain Architect, Bristol Myers Squibb Co.

This presentation explores how large language models (LLMs) and Generative Al (GenAl) can revolutionize drug discovery and predictive molecular inventions by harnessing vast datasets across organizations. We will demonstrate practical strategies for applying these cutting-edge technologies, from start-ups to large pharmaceutical companies, showcasing their potential to streamline data discovery and scale innovative solutions.

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# WORKSHOPS\*

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

#### W1: FAIRification Lab—Applying FAIR Principles to **Enhance Data Stewardship**

Instructors:

Munazah Andrabi, PhD, Data & Community Manager, The University of Manchester

Ishwar Chandramouliswaran, Program Director, Office of Data Science Strategy,

Andrew Hasley, PhD, Program Analyst, Office of Data Science Strategy, NIH Nick Juty, PhD, Senior Research Technology Manager, eScience Lab, University of Manchester

Nick Lynch, PhD, Founder & CTO, Curlew Research; Member, FAIRplus Consortium

Giovanni Nisato, PhD, Consultant, Project Manager FAIR implementation, Pistoia Alliance

Philippe Rocca-Serra, PhD, Senior Director FAIR Collaborations R&D, AstraZeneca, Cambridge UK; Associate Member of Faculty, Oxford e-Research Centre, University of Oxford

Susanna-Assunta Sansone, PhD, Professor of Data Readiness, Department of Engineering Science; Academic Lead for Research Practice, University of Oxford

This hands-on workshop provides an interactive exploration of the FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable) data landscape, with a focus on real-world applications. During the session, three expert speakers from prominent data stewardship projects will share their experiences and insights into how FAIR principles are being applied. Following the presentations, attendees will break into small groups for a practical "FAIRification" exercise, working with provided datasets to apply FAIR principles and gain a deeper understanding of the process.

#### **W2: Foundations of Quantum Computing in Drug Discovery**

Instructor:

Christopher Bishop, Chief Reinvention Officer, Improvising Careers

Quantum computing is poised to revolutionize drug discovery by accelerating computations and unlocking new possibilities for pharmaceutical innovation. In this workshop, participants will gain a foundational understanding of quantum computing principles and explore its transformative potential for solving complex challenges in drug discovery. Industry leaders will share early-stage case studies showcasing how quantum computing is being applied today, providing attendees with the knowledge to engage with this rapidly evolving field.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 1:15-4:15 PM

#### W4: Making Data Al-Ready

Instructors:

Giovanni Nisato, PhD, Consultant, Project Manager FAIR implementation, Pistoia Alliance

Anastasios Moresis, PhD, Senior Scientist, Roche Pharma Fernanda Foertter, MSc, Oakridge National Lab

Angelika Fuchs, Chapter Lead Data Products and Platforms, pRED Data & Analytics, Roche Diagnostics GmbH

Ryan Chandler, PhD, Knowledge Graph Engineer, Research and Development, AbbVie

Al-driven analyses depend on high-quality, accessible data for accurate modeling and decision-making. This workshop digs into strategies and frameworks to ensure that AI models perform reliably, ethically, and within regulatory bounds, while maximizing data's potential to deliver actionable insights and accelerate pharma R&D.

#### W5: Advanced Applications and Roadmap for **Quantum Computing in Pharma**

Instructor:

Sara Dolcetti, Vice President of Business Development, Qubit Pharmaceuticals

Building on the foundational concepts introduced in the morning workshop, this advanced workshop explores real-world case studies from industry leaders in hardware innovation, pharma quantum teams, and virtual drug discovery. Attendees will delve deeper into breakthrough applications and learn how to overcome current challenges in adopting quantum technologies. The session concludes with an interactive roundtable discussion on the future roadmap, offering participants an opportunity to collaborate on shaping the next generation of quantum-driven drug development.

#### W6: AI in Antibody Design

Instructors:

Rahmad Akbar, PhD, Senior Data Scientist, Antibody Design, Novo Nordisk Magnus Haraldson Høie, Senior ML Engineer, BioLib

Artificial intelligence is a promising tool for tackling challenging drug targets. This workshop will discuss Al's role in accelerating the discovery and design process, including data integration, data generation, predictive algorithms, and applications.









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# **Bio-ITWorld** Bio-11 World HACKATHON

**Driving Innovation in Life** Sciences with Open Source **Tools and FAIR Data Solutions** 

#### Tuesday, April 1 - Wednesday, April 2, 2025

The Bio-IT World Hackathon is a cornerstone of the Bio-IT World Conference & Expo, bringing together data scientists, developers, and life science professionals to tackle realworld data challenges. Focused on Open Source and FAIR Data (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) principles, this two-day event fosters innovation and collaboration to deliver practical solutions.

#### WHATTO EXPECT IN 2025:

The 2025 hackathon will continue to unite life science and IT professionals to address pressing data challenges using Open Source and FAIR Data approaches. Facilitated by leaders from the NIH Common Fund Data Ecosystem (CFDE), this year's event will emphasize projects leveraging omics data and integrating CFDE tools, improving interoperability across datasets to accelerate discoveries.

The CFDE ensures Common Fund data is accessible and reusable, providing researchers with a centralized online platform for integrating multiple resources seamlesslyenabling new insights and scalable solutions.

#### WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Solve Real-World Challenges Address critical data problems using Open Source and FAIR Data principles.
- · Collaborate with Experts Partner with peers to develop workflows, datasets, and tools that advance biomedical discovery.
- Gain Hands-On Experience Work with cutting-edge technologies in bioinformatics, AI, and cloud-based data analysis.



#### **HOW TO GET INVOLVED:**

If you have an idea for a project proposal or are interested in joiing an existing team, contact Cindy Crowninshield at ccrowninshield@cambridgeinnovationinstitute.com. Project proposal deadline is February 28.

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#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 am Registration Open

#### 9:00 Recommended Pre-Conference Workshops and Symposia\*

On Wednesday, April 2, 2025, Cambridge Healthtech Institute is pleased to offer five pre-conference Workshops scheduled across two time slots (9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:15-4:15 pm) and three Symposia from 9:00 am-4:20 pm. All are designed to be instructional, interactive, and provide in-depth information on a specific topic. They allow for one-on-one interaction and provide a great way to explain more technical aspects that would otherwise not be covered during the main conference tracks that take place Thursday-Friday. \*Separate registration required. See details on the Symposia here and



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#### THURSDAY, APRIL 3

7:00 am Registration Open



#### 8:00 Organizer's Remarks

Allison Proffitt, Editorial Director, Bio-IT World and Clinical Research News

8:05 Presentation to be Announced



#### AI-POWERED PLATFORMS IN DRUG DISCOVERY: TACKLING ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE AND AGING THERAPEUTICS



#### 8:15 PLENARY KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Deep **Learning for Antibiotic Discovery**

James J. Collins, PhD, Termeer Professor, Medical Engineering & Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

This presentation delves into how advanced deep learning models analyze vast molecular libraries to identify potential antibiotic compounds with remarkable speed and precision. Highlighting recent breakthroughs and real-world applications, Dr. Collins will discuss Al's transformative potential to address antibiotic resistance and open new pathways for therapeutics.



#### 8:45 PLENARY KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Generative Al, Aging Research and Robotics as a Platform for Drug Discovery: From Hype to Clinical Efficacy

Alex Zhavoronkov, PhD, Founder & CEO, Insilico Medicine 9:15 Session Q&A

#### 9:30 Coffee Break in the Exhibit Hall with Poster Viewing (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

Start your morning with coffee, connections, and cutting-edge research! Enjoy poster presentations, network in the Exhibit Hall, vote for awards, and a chance at a fabulous raffle prize!

10:15 Organizer's Welcome Remarks

#### FOUNDATIONS OF MODERN DATA PLATFORMS

10:20 Chairperson's Remarks

Speaker to be Announced, RCH Solutions

#### 10:25 Building a Unified Analytics Ecosystem: From Concept to Reality

Anand Ganesan, Product Lead, GD-IT, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Sriram Krishnamurthy, Associate Director, Global Development Solutions, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

We will present our journey in unifying disparate analytics environments, including SAS, open-source platforms, and Lakehouse platforms like Databricks. Our evolution from a SAS-centric setup to a multi-platform, multi-language environment incorporating Python and R will be discussed. We will outline our strategy for creating a unified, connected ecosystem that empowers business users to choose their preferred platform and collaborate seamlessly across different environments.

10:55 Aligning Culture, Data Architecture, and Process to Build a Field-Leading Lab-in-the-Loop Data Platform for ML-Guided Design

Stephen Northup, Senior Software Engineer, Dyno Therapeutics

To empower ML innovation, companies require a 'lab in the loop,' where data and insights can flow freely across team and departmental boundaries. This talk will equip engineering leaders to understand strategic trade-offs as well as practical on-the-ground tactical decisions based on hard-learned lessons from getting a startup off the ground to establishing it as a leader in ML-guided design.











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11:25 Data and Computing Infrastructure for the Life Sciences: Best Practices, Observations, and Lessons Learned

Chris Dwan, Independent Consultant, Dwan, LLC

This talk will provide practical, real-world advice based on Dwan's quarter century of experience designing and implementing high-performance computing and large-scale data systems for health care and the life sciences. Topics will include network architectures, cloud vs. "terrestrial" infrastructure, practical data strategies, information security, quality and compliance from R&D to the clinic, differentiated computing platforms, human and organizational factors, and of course, Al.

11:55 Presentation to be Announced

12:10 pm Presentation to be Announced

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12:55 Session Break and Transition to Lunch

1:05 Luncheon Presentation (Sponsorship Opportunity Available) or **Enjoy Lunch on Your Own** 

1:35 Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall with Poster Viewing (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

Bio-IT's hall is bigger than ever—one break won't cut it! Enjoy dessert and coffee after lunch, explore booths and posters, vote for awards, and participate in our raffle for a chance to win a prize!

#### MODERNIZING FOR THE NEW ERA OF LIFE-**SCIENCE INNOVATIONS**

**2:25 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

2:30 A Data Platform for Data Productization in a Data Mesh: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Pierre Alexander Fischer, PhD, Product Line Lead, Data Integrations Generating Insights (DIGI), Roche

This session provides key lessons from our journey implementing a datamesh strategy to make FAIR data available for enterprise use, moving from a centralized monolithic platform to a cloud-based self-service system with federated governance. We'll discuss successes, challenges, and failures encountered, offering insights on the technology, process, and people aspects of this transformation. Our goal is to humbly help others avoid the pitfalls we experienced modernizing our data platform.

#### 3:00 Navigating the Data Landscape: The Cancer Research Data Commons Data Ecosystem

Durga Addepalli, PhD, Health Scientist, Center for Biomedical Informatics & IT, NIH NCI

NCI's Cancer Research Data Commons is a data ecosystem built to administer and manage the data generated by the various NCI funded programs for FAIR data sharing across the research community. NCI has been a pioneer in establishing a democratized ecosystem co-locating data and compute, building secure and scalable data commons and cloud analytical platforms for the diverse users from cancer community.

3:30 Modeling Outcomes Using Surveillance Data and Scalable AI for Cancer (MOSSAIC): Overview

Fernanda Foertter, MSc, Oakridge National Lab

**4:00 Presentation to be Announced** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

4:30 Best of Show Awards Reception in the Exhibit Hall with Poster **Viewing** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

Unwind with colleagues at our lively reception! Explore posters, vote for the best, network with exhibitors, enjoy a drink, and try to win a raffle prize. Celebrate Best of Show winners!

5:45 Close of Day

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 4

7:00 am Registration Open

7:00 Quick Bytes & Networking Breakfast-Lifted Rooftop Restaurant & Bar (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

Start vour morning with 'Quick Bytes & Networking'! Enjoy a cozy restaurantstyle setting, guick bites, and speed networking. Connect, converse, and energize your Bio-IT experience before the plenary keynote!



8:00 Organizer's Remarks

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8:05 Innovative Practices Awards: Excellence in **Technological Innovation** 

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The Innovative Practices Awards recognizes and celebrates technology innovation in the life sciences. Bio-IT World is now accepting entries for the 2025 awards, recognizing partnerships and projects pushing our industry forward. Winners will be announced in mid-March 2025, acknowledged during the April 4 Plenary Keynote, and invited to present their work at the conference. For more information and to apply, visit www.bioitworldexpo.com/innovativepractices.

8:20 Plenary Keynote Introduction (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

#### ADVANCING DRUG DISCOVERY AND **HEALTHCARE THROUGH DATA-DRIVEN INNOVATION: FROM GENOMICS** TO THERAPEUTICS



8:30 PLENARY KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Scaling Genomic Medicine: Transforming Newborn Screening through Informatics and Innovation

Robert C. Green, MD, MPH, Professor and Director of Genomes2People Research, Mass General Brigham, Broad Institute, Ariadne Labs, and Harvard Medical School

The BabySeq Project has pioneered the integration of genomic sequencing into newborn and childhood screening, uncovering unexpected risk variants and transforming healthcare delivery. This keynote explores the groundbreaking progress in genomic medicine, featuring real-world stories of families impacted by these discoveries. Learn about the informatics challenges and innovative solutions required to scale genomic screening for national and global implementation, reshaping the future of precision medicine.



9:00 PLENARY KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: Unlocking the Power of Machine Learning and Data-at-Scale to Deliver with Speed the Best Therapeutic Candidates

Justin M. Scheer, PhD. Vice President In Silico Discovery & Head. Molecular Computational Team, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine

The challenges of high costs, lengthy timelines, and attrition have prompted our industry to integrate AI/ML into all aspects of the business. This presentation highlights J&J's strategic investments in AI/ML technologies to enhance drug discovery processes, including molecule design and optimization. By investing in these technologies with a modality-agnostic approach, J&J aims to tackle the hardest











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targets in drug discovery, ultimately increasing the success rate of delivering better molecules faster.

9:30 Session Q&A

9:45 Coffee Break in the Exhibit Hall with Poster Competition **Winners Announced** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

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10:30 Organizer's Remarks

#### INNOVATIONS IN DATA INFRASTRUCTURE

**10:35 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

10:40 The Power of Mimicry: Integrating AI/ML with Molecular **Function Optimization** 

Adam Kraut, Director, Research Informatics and Data Architecture, Metaphore Bio

Discover how Metaphore leverages the power of molecular mimicry and advanced AI/ML algorithms to optimize molecular functions for drug development. This presentation will explore our innovative data infrastructure that supports high-throughput experiments and scalable data management, enabling us to map, mimic, and optimize molecules with a function-first approach. Learn how integrating cutting-edge AI/ML with robust data platforms accelerates the discovery of next-generation therapeutics.

#### 11:10 Data as a Strategic Asset: Empowering Users and Systems with Generate's Next-Gen Data Lake

Alok Saldanha, PhD, Principal Software Engineer, Informatics, Generate Riomedicines

Come explore the best practices that have driven the success of Generate's Next-Gen Data Lake. Learn how we leveraged a central repository of entities and vocabularies and reimagined lab processes to capture experimental context, and enhanced our computational infrastructure to be implicitly traceable. By building a unified data exchange we empower scientists to confidently access and interpret data across the platform.

#### 11:40 Intuence: A Next-Generation Data-Analysis Platform

Vimala Selvaraj, Senior Principal Scientific Product Operational Manager, Novartis Biomedical Research

Integrating various tools, workflows, and data products into a connected suite helps scientists make faster and better decisions. Intuence Discovery (ID), which supports early drug discovery, focusing on lead optimization and technologies like protein degraders and cyclic peptides. ID helps with data annotation, gathering, analysis, and decision-making, covering the DMTA cycle from data querying to compound selection and analysis. ID is a fast, single webpage that enhances data-driven discussion.

12:10 pm Presentation to be Announced (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

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1:50 Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall with Last Chance for **Poster Viewing** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

Feeling tired? Recharge during the final Networking Exhibit Hall break! Visit booths, explore posters, connect with peers, and turn in your Game Cards for a chance to win a raffle prize.

2:30 Chairperson's Remarks

Dirk Petersen, Director of Supercomputing Center, Oregon State University

#### TRENDS FROM THE TRENCHES: BRIDGING TRADITIONAL INSIGHTS WITH INNOVATIVE **ADVANCEMENTS**

2:35 In the Trenches with AI Supercomputing: Driving Innovation in Life Sciences and Quantum Simulations

Dirk Petersen, Director of Supercomputing Center, Oregon State University

Launching in 2026, a new AI supercomputer powered by Nvidia's latest Rubin-generation GPUs will transform research at Oregon State University's Huang Collaborative Innovation Complex. This mini talk highlights its capabilities, from accelerating protein structure prediction to advancing quantum simulations to something completely new and different. Learn how you can get access to this cutting-edge resource and drive innovation in life sciences and quantum computing simulations and discover opportunities to collaborate.

2:45 Transforming Big Data into Actionable Insights: Leveraging the Sequence Read Archive (SRA) for Life Sciences and Public Health

J. Rodney Brister, PhD, Acting Program Head, Sequence Read Archive, NCBI, NLM,

As the world's largest available repository of raw sequence data, the Sequence Read Archive (SRA) plays a pivotal role in advancing public health and life sciences research. This presentation highlights state-ofthe-art tools and strategies for managing and analyzing the SRA's massive datasets, showcasing its impact on infectious disease surveillance, genomic epidemiology, and precision medicine. Discover how innovative informatics solutions are transforming raw data into actionable insights for global health challenges.

3:05 The Biologist Explores Learning: Insights on LLMs, Deep Learning, and Personal Discoveries

Brian Osborne, PhD, Senior Principal Consultant, BioTeam Inc.

3:35 Trends from the Trenches

Ari E. Berman, PhD, CEO, BioTeam Inc

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10:15 Organizer's Welcome Remarks

# TRANSFORMING DATA MANAGEMENT IN LIFE SCIENCES: STRATEGIES FOR INNOVATION AND COMPLIANCE

**10:20 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

10:25 From Documents to Data: Collaborative Strategies for Data-Centric Submissions

Sophie Bailes, PhD, R&D IT Principal Business Partner, AstraZeneca

As the pharmaceutical industry shifts towards data-driven submissions for CMC modules, AstraZeneca drives the change by fostering collaboration between science and IT. This talk will showcase AstraZeneca's integrated FAIR Data Hub, which automates and standardizes data practices for advanced analytics, visualization, and regulatory compliance. The initiative aims to expedite drug approvals and enhance patient access by meeting evolving regulatory demands and driving digital transformation.

# 10:45 Building an Approachable Cost-Effective Data Management Platform

Kory Draughn, Chief Technologist, iRODS Consortium, RENCI Renaissance Computing Institute

Long-term data management is best executed when policies are clear and infrastructure is abstracted and swappable. iRODS has a desire to be normal and boring for the administrator and approachable and powerful for the user. This talk will cover recent advances and interfaces which allow companies to sustain FAIR data practices, enforce consistency and reproducibility, and realize cost-savings through open-source software.

# 11:05 Implementation of NextGen ELN and ELN Data Products Amrik Mahal, PhD, Global Head, IT Research, AstraZeneca

Discover the immediate benefits of implementing a NextGen ELN, including unlocking valuable legacy ELN data and enhancing research capabilities. This talk will explore AstraZeneca's large-scale deployment to over 3,500 scientists, sharing best practices and lessons learned. Attendees will gain insights into how NextGen ELN integration accelerates decision-making by connecting











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11:25 Enabling R&D and Its AI Ambitions through Data Products

Kiran Kodali, MBA, Head of R&D Data Strategy & Governance & Data Foundations, Sanofi

As Sanofi strives to be the first biopharma company powered by AI at scale, data is essential to achieving this vision. Data capabilities being developed are critical for implementing AI and GenAI solutions, providing actionable insights to decision-makers, and driving transformative advancements in life sciences. This talk explores best practices, strategies, and use cases that navigate data management complexities, foster collaboration, and unlock value from data assets for organizational growth.

11:45 Session Q&A with Speakers

# 11:55 Harnessing AI to Identify Causal Relationships and Enhance Research and Scientific Validation in Pharma



Peter Doerr, Director, Presales, metaphacts

This talk discusses how AI methods can help find gaps between curated knowledge in knowledge graphs and unstructured knowledge in scientific texts. We provide examples of how databases like OpenTargets can be enriched by using AI to identify causal relationships in scientific documents. With Knowledge Graph technology, these relationships are used to augment existing databases, allowing users to compare, spot gaps, and, crucially, find the relevant literature to ensure scientific validation.

# 12:10 pm Improving FAIRness of Omics Data through Metadata Harmonization



Sehyun Oh, Assistant Professor, Research Foundation, City University of New York

National efforts have established comprehensive biological data repositories, but cross-study analysis is limited by heterogeneous metadata. This lack of harmonization impedes the findability and Al/ML application of high-throughput omics data. The OmicsMLRepo project harmonizes metadata through schema consolidation and ontology incorporation, improving the FAIRness and Al/ML-readiness of metagenomics and cancer genomics datasets through R/Bioconductor packages for researchers.

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12:55 Session Break and Transition to Lunch

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# STREAMLINING MULTI-MODAL DATA INTEGRATION IN RESEARCH: INNOVATIONS IN LIMS AND DISCOVERY DATA MANAGEMENT

2:25 Chairperson's Remarks (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

# 2:30 Reimagining Data Commons, Lakes, and Warehouses in Life Sciences



Michelle Bayly, Principal, BioTeam Inc

Karl Gutwin, Principal Consultant, Software Engineering Svcs, BioTeam Inc Nicholas George, Senior Scientific Consultant, BioTeam Inc

Scientific organizations have long needed a space to house different types of research data and manage interoperability and accessibility across an organization. With the rise of Al/ML, it is more imperative than ever that data be organized and annotated in a way that allows it to be FAIR (Findable,

Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable). Join us as we discuss key principles around designing a robust, scalable system to meet these growing needs and a new vision for scientific data platforms.

3:00 OligoLake: A Fast and Efficient Solution for Integrating Multi-Modal Research Data

Alexander Wyss, Data Engineer, Roche

FAIRifying discovery data is complex and time-consuming. We developed OligoLake to integrate multimodal data from oligonucleotide discovery projects using pRED systems. By leveraging efficient cloud storage (AWS S3), transparent data modeling (DBT), simple orchestration (GitLab CI), and a lightweight database (DuckDB), we created an MVP in weeks. This solution is reusable, scalable, and supports easy interaction through Python, R, and a GUI, offering significant value for other pRED data products.

# 3:30 Configuration-Driven LIMS Management: A Code-First Approach for Adapting to Dynamic Lab Workflows

Nirmit Damania, Senior Software Engineer, Dyno Therapeutics

Staying ahead in the ever-evolving landscape of scientific processes and experimentation is a challenge for ELN/LIMS engineers, especially with the rising demand for LIMS data integrating with downstream systems. This talk covers best practices from data engineering and CI/CD to establish a single source of truth for schema configurations that synchronize across LIMS tenants. Explore key decisions and tools for effective change management and seamless data integration across data platforms.

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8:20 Plenary Keynote Introduction (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)











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2:30 Chairperson's Remarks

Dirk Petersen, Director of Supercomputing Center, Oregon State University

#### TRENDS FROM THE TRENCHES: BRIDGING TRADITIONAL INSIGHTS WITH INNOVATIVE **ADVANCEMENTS**

2:35 In the Trenches with AI Supercomputing: Driving Innovation in Life Sciences and Quantum Simulations

Dirk Petersen, Director of Supercomputing Center, Oregon State University

Launching in 2026, a new Al supercomputer powered by Nvidia's latest Rubin-generation GPUs will transform research at Oregon State University's Huang Collaborative Innovation Complex. This mini talk highlights its capabilities, from accelerating protein structure prediction to advancing quantum simulations to something completely new and different. Learn how you can get access to this cutting-edge resource and drive innovation in life sciences and quantum computing simulations and discover opportunities to collaborate.

2:45 Transforming Big Data into Actionable Insights: Leveraging the Sequence Read Archive (SRA) for Life Sciences and Public Health

J. Rodney Brister, PhD, Acting Program Head, Sequence Read Archive, NCBI, NLM,

As the world's largest available repository of raw sequence data, the Sequence Read Archive (SRA) plays a pivotal role in advancing public health and life sciences research. This presentation highlights state-ofthe-art tools and strategies for managing and analyzing the SRA's massive datasets, showcasing its impact on infectious disease surveillance, genomic epidemiology, and precision medicine. Discover how innovative informatics solutions are transforming raw data into actionable insights for global health challenges.

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# AI-POWERED TRANSFORMATION IN LIFE SCIENCES: DATA SCIENCE SOLUTIONS FOR REAL-WORLD IMPACT

**10:20 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

10:25 Data Science and AI in Biomedical Research: Bridging Analysis with Advanced Technologies

Parthiban Srinivasan, PhD, Professor and Director, Centre for Al in Medicine, Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation, India

This talk explores the integration of data science and AI in biomedical

research, focusing on four key types of data analysis: descriptive, exploratory, predictive, and prescriptive. We will discuss how these methods, combined with advanced technologies like knowledge graphs (using Neo4J) and large language models (LLMs) from HuggingFace, are transforming the way biomedical data is analyzed and interpreted, driving innovation in drug discovery and clinical research.

#### 10:55 Accelerating Real-World Evidence Extraction with LLM-Optimized Bioinformatics Pipelines in the Human Omics Hub

Weiwei Schultz, PhD, Distinguished Scientist, Data Science and Digital Health, Johnson and Johnson Innovative Medicine

The Human Omics Hub focuses on integrating multi-omics data management, starting with the UK Biobank. However, fragmented pipelines hinder scalability. This study employs large language models (LLMs) to automate standardized Nextflow pipeline creation for multi-omics data processing. By merging LLMs with expert input, we optimized the development process, significantly reducing coding time and costs while accelerating real-world evidence generation from diverse omics data, including EHR and genomics.

# 11:25 Leveraging Supercomputing for in silico Human Heart Models in Cardiac Drug Safety

Mariano Vazquez, PhD, Co-Founder and CTO, ELEM Biotech, Barcelona, Spain

This presentation examines the transformative role of supercomputer-driven *in silico* trials in assessing cardiac drug safety. Utilizing advanced electrophysiological models of the human heart, we will demonstrate how these virtual trials can accurately predict drug-induced arrhythmias and QT interval prolongation, reducing reliance on traditional testing methods. Gain insights into integrating multi-scale modeling and AI into precision medicine, providing a scalable solution that enhances drug safety, minimizes costs, and improves outcomes.

#### 11:55 Enabling Al Workflows with Copyright



Michael Iarrobino, Director Product Management, Product Management, Copyright Clearance Center

Many AI systems depend on scientific, technical, and medical literature for model training and to support critical business workflows across numerous functions. As AI offerings mature, the intertwined responsibilities to copyright, data integrity, and data quality are essential to building user trust. This talk will explain key copyright considerations for your AI initiatives, identify solutions already available to address these needs, and set a vision for rights-aware AI systems that are able to achieve their promise.

# 12:10 pm Data Science & Analytics Technologies Speaker to be Announced, Tech Mahindra Inc

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The deployment of artificial intelligence (AI) in Life sciences is brimming with promise, heralding in a transformative era in drug development. However, this potential can only be realized with thoughtful implementation and robust safeguards to ensure trust among patients and sponsors. The government plays a crucial role in creating an environment that enhances patient centricity and supports drug makers. Leading in a VUCA world, we should aim to enable life sciences companies to be more personalized and authentic in how they engage with health care professionals, patients, and other stakeholders.

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#### 2:25 Chairperson's Remarks

Eric Stahlberg, PhD. Executive Administrative Director, Institute for Data Science in Oncology, MD Anderson Cancer Center

2:30 Unlocking the Value of Biomedical Digital Twins: From Cutting-Edge Technologies in BioPharma R&D to Personalized Patient Care

Douglas E. Kiehl, Senior Director, Disruptive & Transformative Technologies Team, Digital Twin COE, Eli Lilly & Co.

Andy Kilianski, PhD. Program Manager, Health Science Futures, ARPA-H Eric Stahlberg, PhD, Executive Administrative Director, Institute for Data Science in Oncology, MD Anderson Cancer Center

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#### PATHWAYS TO IMPACT: DRIVING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION THROUGH INCLUSION AND **DIVERSITY IN DATA SCIENCE AND LIFE SCIENCES** TO ADVANCE HEALTH AND PRECISION MEDICINE

**10:35 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

10:40 Pathways to Impact: Driving Research and Innovation through Inclusion and Diversity in Data Science and Life Sciences to Advance Health and Precision Medicine

Jason Alexander, Chief Revenue Officer & Co-Founder, BANKW Staffing, LLC Jason Beckwith, PhD, Professor, School of Business, University of Dundee Carolina Benjaminsen, PhD, Senior Director, Head of Digital Science Academy, Digital Science & Innovation, R&ED, NovoNordisk

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Tools and Methods for Extracting Insights and Value from Data to Advance Biomedical Research

Bristol Myers Squibb Co.

Martin Leach, PhD, MBA, Chief Data Officer, Black Canyon Consulting LLC

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**10:20 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

#### 10:25 Project Management and Al

Gurpreet Kanwar, Senior Manager Programs, Portfolio Delivery Group, NAV CANADA

Project management is being revolutionized by Artificial Intelligence (AI), enhancing decision-making, resource allocation, and risk prediction. By analyzing large datasets and identifying patterns, AI helps optimize timelines and improve project efficiency. This presentation will highlight the key benefits of AI in project management, current trends, and how organizations can leverage these innovations to mitigate risks and achieve successful outcomes more effectively.

10:55 Scaling a User Experience Team in a Product-Centered Scientific Research Organization at Novartis Biomedical Research

Sven Neumeyer, Director, Business Analysis and User Experience, Novartis Biomedical Research

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# 11:25 Upskilling Pharma Colleagues with Digital and Software Tools: Navigating Opportunities and Challenges for a Future-Ready Workforce

Carolina Benjaminsen, PhD, Senior Director, Head of Digital Science Academy, Digital Science & Innovation, R&ED, NovoNordisk

In the era of digital transformation, pharmaceutical organizations must equip their non-digital workforce with essential skills to leverage digital and software tools. This talk will discuss the role of software-based learning platforms, digital training resources, and customized software solutions offered through Novo Nordisk's Digital Science Academy. Explore challenges, successes, and strategies in fostering a digitally savvy workforce that can drive innovation and support software-driven initiatives.

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Rob Brown, Global Vice President of Product and Pre-Sales, Sapio Sciences

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**2:25 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

# 2:30 Bridging Science and Development: A Lightweight Approach to Fullstack Applications for Scientists

Alex Kim, Principal Data Scientist, Data Science, Johnson & Johnson

In an era of rapidly evolving scientific technologies, the need to transform innovative ideas into practical, end-to-end solutions for scientists, data scientists, and executives is greater than ever. Application development remains crucial, but to ensure the longevity of software, a robust development pipeline that supports rapid prototyping, quick pivoting, and effective stakeholder management is essential—especially in the fast-paced world of data science solutions.

# 3:00 Empowering Discovery: Simplifying Data Access and Reporting with DashboardCentral and AssayCentral at AbbVie

Xiaofeng Li, Senior Data Scientist, Information Research, AbbVie, Inc.

DashboardCentral and AssayCentral are AbbVie's in-house web tools designed for streamlined access to preclinical data. DashboardCentral provides easy access to dashboards from the preclinical datamart, while AssayCentral enables standardized assay reporting for project teams. With intuitive interfaces for efficient querying and visualization, these tools enhance data accessibility and presentation, improving research outcomes for Discovery Scientists.

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# 4:00 Scaling Life Sciences with Quantum Computing and Pasqal



Michelle Lampa, US Government Sales Executive, Sales, Pasgal

Pasqal is driving the future of quantum computing with our groundbreaking technology in neutral atoms. 2024 was a big year for us as we addressed critical challenges and delivered on some critical milestones, including the delivery and integration of our devices to high-performance computing centers. This session delves into the unique capabilities of neutral atom quantum computers and why they are poised to become indispensable tools for researchers and drug developers. Join us as we share real-world examples, including how we used quantum science and computing to enable optimized search for water molecules inside proteins. Learn how this emerging technology can accelerate discovery, optimize therapies, and ultimately improve patient outcomes by harnessing the power of quantum mechanics to solve complex biological and chemical problems.

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Michael Smallegan, PhD, Associate, Machine Learning, Flagship Pioneering

As Al reshapes software development, it accelerates the creation of powerful tools and insights, propelling innovation in life sciences. This session delves into how Al-driven approaches—like large language models, automated data analytics, and machine learning pipelines-are advancing software engineering. We'll explore how these advancements enable faster iteration cycles, streamlined data integration, and tailored solutions, transforming complex biomedical challenges into actionable breakthroughs. Join us for lightning talks on cutting-edge AI applications.

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Drew Dresser, Director, Cloud Engineering, Flagship Pioneering
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**10:55 Cloud Genetics: A Blueprint for Precision Medicines** Gregory Hinkle, PhD, Vice President, Research Informatics, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

This presentation will detail challenges and solutions in implementing large-scale human genetics to support sequence-based precision medicines like RNAi therapeutics. Key topics will include data management, cost effectiveness, and navigating ever more stringent data security standards. The talk will highlight innovative strategies and technologies that Alnylam put in place to pave the way for the development and delivery of novel RNAi therapeutics to patients in need.

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Yohann Potier, PhD, Senior Director, Data Platform, Tessera Therapeutics, Inc. This talk will explore the architecture for developing, deploying, and scaling machine learning models in genomics. It will emphasize the importance of creating a flexible infrastructure that can accommodate a range of ML workloads for drug development. Key topics will cover optimizing model training, managing datasets, and efficiently utilizing compute resources to meet different workload demands while ensuring cost-effectiveness and scalability.

11:55 Presentation to be Announced

12:25 pm AI/ML on AWS: Building for GxP Validated Environments ptp Solid Infinite Innovation

Aaron Jeskey, Sr Cloud Architect, Cloud Engineering, Pinnacle Technology Partners Inc











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Mohammed AlQuraishi, PhD, Assistant Professor, Systems Biology, Columbia

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A major challenge in advancing AI algorithms for modern drug discovery is the limited availability of protein and ligand structures needed to train Al models. For the first time, leading biopharmaceutical companies enable collaborative training of AI models that predict the 3D structure of molecular complexes using their proprietary protein structure data. In our talk, we will introduce the Al Structural Biology Consortium and present initial results.

#### 3:00 Keeping Pace with the Speed of Science: Evolving Cloud Architectures for Scale and Cost in Life Sciences

Nick Whalen, Data Architecture, Standards and Flow, Novartis

From the design of embarrassingly parallel compute for High Content Image Analysis, to management of large clinical data sets, to emerging therapeutic modalities, the demand to design performant architectures at scale while not breaking the bank is an essential skill for any organization looking to leverage the benefits of cloud technologies. In this talk, we explore strategies and techniques to keep costs down while balancing user requirements and tight budgets.

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David Herzig, Principal Scientist, Roche Pharma

In today's landscape, system architectures are frequently developed in partnership with external providers. Responsibilities for support, maintenance, and customization are often distributed among the user, the provider, and occasionally a third-party support service. Running a system in an external cloud environment presents both organizational and technical challenges. This presentation will explore how these challenges can be effectively addressed, using the example of an ELN software.

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**10:35 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

10:40 Using Durable Workflow Technology to Run Image Analysis in the Cloud

Matthew Gerring, MEng, Senior Manager, Computational Sciences, The Jackson Laboratory

We will show how image analysis can be taken from research level software to high quality and production ready systems. Attendees will learn how Jackson Laboratory transitioned research-level software into productionready systems for scalable and durable image analysis. This presentation will feature biological image data, offer insights into new paradigms for cloudbased analysis, and appeal to those interested in scaling analysis of any type using distributed programming and cloud technologies.

#### 11:05 One Research Digital—Ecosystems of FAIR Data Lakes Enabling Al-Augmented Analysis, Modeling, and Reporting

Marcin von Grotthuss, PhD, Director, Data Integration and Analytics, Preclinical and Translational Sciences, Takeda Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

The collaborative efforts within Takeda, supported by external vendors, led to the development and prototyping of One Research Digital—an ecosystem comprised of FAIR data lakes. During the design phase, we adhered to the FAIR principles and utilized a data lake infrastructure with a flexible data storage schema as the system's cornerstone. These advancements enable us to enhance Al-augmented analysis, modeling, and reporting across preclinical and translational sciences.

#### 11:25 Ultra-Large Virtual Screening is Enabled by Orchestrating **Cloud-Based Computation**

Rajarshi Guha, PhD, Senior Director, Data & Computational Sciences, Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.

We describe a virtual screening infrastructure that uses Nextflow to parallelize a Genetic Algorithm Virtual Screening method coupled to computational chemistry primitives, such as shape matching and docking, implemented as AWS Lambdas. We present some benchmark results highlighting the efficiency and accuracy of the method, along with the performance gains achieved by virtue of cloud-based parallelization.

#### 11:45 Building a Serverless Data Platform for Biotech Companies

Patrick O'Mara, Associate Director, Research Informatics, Photys Therapeutics This presentation showcases the construction of a serverless data pipeline for biotech start-ups. Using Apache Airflow on Google Cloud Composer, it automates data transfers between Egnyte, CDD Vault, and BigQuery. Highlighting CDD Vault's robust API and data model, the talk demonstrates how this solution enhances data management, accelerates insights, and supports innovation, offering a scalable and cost-efficient approach for

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2:30 Chairperson's Remarks

Dirk Petersen, Director of Supercomputing Center, Oregon State University

#### TRENDS FROM THE TRENCHES: BRIDGING TRADITIONAL INSIGHTS WITH INNOVATIVE **ADVANCEMENTS**

2:35 In the Trenches with AI Supercomputing: Driving Innovation in Life Sciences and Quantum Simulations

Dirk Petersen, Director of Supercomputing Center, Oregon State University

Launching in 2026, a new AI supercomputer powered by Nvidia's latest Rubin-generation GPUs will transform research at Oregon State University's Huang Collaborative Innovation Complex. This mini talk highlights its capabilities, from accelerating protein structure prediction to advancing quantum simulations to something completely new and different. Learn how you can get access to this cutting-edge resource and drive innovation in life sciences and quantum computing simulations and discover opportunities to collaborate.

2:45 Transforming Big Data into Actionable Insights: Leveraging the Sequence Read Archive (SRA) for Life Sciences and Public Health

J. Rodney Brister, PhD, Acting Program Head, Sequence Read Archive, NCBI, NLM, NIH

As the world's largest available repository of raw sequence data, the Sequence Read Archive (SRA) plays a pivotal role in advancing public health and life sciences research. This presentation highlights state-ofthe-art tools and strategies for managing and analyzing the SRA's massive datasets, showcasing its impact on infectious disease surveillance, genomic epidemiology, and precision medicine. Discover how innovative informatics solutions are transforming raw data into actionable insights for global health challenges.

3:05 The Biologist Explores Learning: Insights on LLMs, Deep Learning, and Personal Discoveries

Brian Osborne, PhD. Senior Principal Consultant, BioTeam Inc.

3:35 Trends from the Trenches

Ari E. Berman, PhD. CEO, BioTeam Inc.

Since 2010, "Trends from the Trenches" has been a cornerstone of Bio-IT, offering candid assessments of impactful and overhyped IT technologies in life sciences. This talk explores computing, storage, cloud, data science, and machine learning, emphasizing their role in data-intensive science. Looking ahead, it will share forward-thinking predictions on emerging technologies and trends shaping the future of life sciences, offering actionable insights to navigate the next wave of IT innovation.

4:05 Close of Conference



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8:00 am Registration Open

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#### 10:20 Chairperson's Remarks

Rishi R. Gupta, PhD. Director, Data Science, Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research, Inc.

#### 10:25 Scaling Clinical Document Generation: Insights on Technical and User Experience Considerations

Irene Pak, Head, Al Data & Analytics, Bristol Myers Squibb Co.

DocGen AI is our innovative clinical document authoring platform, currently expanding to encompass over 60 document types this year. This talk will outline the latest phase of the platform's evolution, focusing on technical considerations and user experience, particularly regarding the quality of generated sections. We will also present initial metrics on user adoption and productivity improvements.

#### 10:55 Harnessing Institutional Knowledge to Accelerate the Discovery of Medicines

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This talk explores how Novartis leverages generative AI to harness institutional knowledge for accelerating drug discovery. By integrating data science and Al-driven insights, this approach unearths critical knowledge assets, streamlining research processes and enhancing decision-making. Attendees will gain an understanding of how AI tools facilitate knowledge discovery, reduce time-to-insight, and drive innovation in pharmaceutical research, ultimately advancing the discovery of effective new therapies.











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#### 11:25 Generative AI for Molecules

Abhishek Pandey, PhD, Global Lead & Principal Research Scientist, Information Research, AbbVie, Inc.

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# STRATEGIC AI INTEGRATION AND GOVERNANCE IN PHARMA

**2:25 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

# 2:30 Al Transformation Unleashed: From Concept to Reality—A Pharma Blueprint

Murtaza Cherawala, Senior Director, IT Data Management, Analytics and Artificial Intelligence, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, a leader in RNAi-based medicines, leverages GenAI to drive innovation and accelerate the development of groundbreaking therapies. By strategically integrating GenAI across functions, Alnylam bolsters its core capabilities and strategically positions itself to harness AI as a force multiplier. Gain practical insights on Alnylam's successful AI journey from aligning executives around AI goals, establishing governance, identifying and prioritizing high-impact use cases, developing and deploying a comprehensive AI roadmap.

#### 3:00 Talk Title to be Announced

Achal Dixit, Data Scientist III, Innovation & Digital Health, Bristol Myers Squibb India

#### 3:30 Revolutionizing Drug Discovery with Generative AI

Petrina Kamya, PhD, Global Head of Al Platforms & Vice President, Insilico Medicine; President, Insilico Medicine Canada

The traditional drug discovery process is lengthy, costly, and fraught with failure, with development often taking over a decade and costing billions. This talk will explore how generative AI is transforming this paradigm through Insilico Medicine's innovative machine learning platform, enabling novel target identification, small molecule design, and clinical trial prediction. Discover how generative AI is accelerating drug development and reshaping the future of medicine.

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#### AI-DRIVEN INSIGHTS: TRANSFORMING DATA MANAGEMENT FROM DISCOVERY TO **CLINICAL TRIALS**

10:35 Chairperson's Remarks (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

10:40 Automating Cell Therapy Multi-Modal Ontology Construction and Data Cataloging with RAG+ & LLM

Jenny Wei, PhD, Senior Director, R&D Informatics and Technology, Kite Pharma

As a new therapeutic modality, cell therapy presents complex ontologies and meta-data as challenges and opportunities for the informatics community. Traditional SME-led manual curations and data annotations cannot keep up with the multi-modal data generation speed. Automating ontology enrichment with LLM-augmented named entity recognition (NER), and ontology-driven RAG for meta-data cataloging is leading scientists to a much faster data-toinsights journey.

11:10 Enchant: A Multi-modal Transformer Model to Break Down the "Data Wall" Between Preclinical and Clinical Research and Development

Fred Manby, DPhil, Co-Founder & CTO, lambic Therapeutics

Drug development is costly and inefficient, due to limited clinical data to guide programs early and prevent late-stage failures. lambic developed Enchant, a multimodal, multitask transformer model trained on abundant discovery data and limited clinical data, to overcome this challenge. Enchant predicts clinical outcomes, offering insights into key properties of potential medicines. By evaluating molecule viability from the earliest discovery stages, Enchant reduces clinical risk and improves drug development efficiency.

11:40 Unlocking Clinical Trial Potential with Generative AI and Site Feedback Analysis

Monica Jain, Director, R&D Data Science, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine Anil Luthra, Principal Data Scientist, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine

Clinical trial success depends on selecting the right sites and optimizing patient recruitment. Unstructured site feedback offers insights into

performance, challenges, and demographics but remains underutilized. Generative AI transforms this data into actionable insights, enabling precise site selection and tailored recruitment strategies. Learn how AI analyzes site feedback to identify high-potential sites, enhance recruitment, and streamline operations. Leverage strategies to leverage unstructured data, reducing timelines and improving trial efficiency.

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**2:30 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

2:35 Unlocking AI Potential: Best Practices for Implementation and Management

Vinod Das, R&D Drug Innovation, AI Solutions, Bayer Pharmaceuticals Petrina Kamya, PhD, Global Head of Al Platforms & Vice President, Insilico Medicine; President, Insilico Medicine Canada Srivatsan Nagaraja, Founder, Vidya Seva

As AI transforms drug discovery, development, and precision medicine, understanding the business operations behind these advancements is essential. This session will cover critical aspects such as AI tool selection, project scoping, budget management, and prioritization amid evolving regulations. Hear real-world case studies on successful AI deployment, with strategies to navigate regulatory risks while ensuring cost-effectiveness. Join us for a dynamic discussion to harness Al's full potential in life sciences innovation.

4:05 Close of Conference



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#### AI AND DATA INTEGRATION FOR ENHANCED R&D

10:20 Chairperson's Remarks

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### 10:25 Unleashing Innovation: Harnessing AI and Data Platforms for R&D

Bridget Behringer, Oncology E2E Business Partner Lead, R&D IT, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals

This presentation explores how AI and data platforms can enhance the landscape of research and development, with an ultimate goal to reduce timelines, increase probability of success, and better predict which patients are most likely to benefit from our medicines. We will describe the robust data foundation we have built and the prerequisites for deploying AI at scale.

# 10:45 Tech-Enhanced Preclinical Animal Logistics for Accelerated Drug Development

Tatjana Uffelmann, Sr Scientist, Novartis BioMedical Research

This talk focuses on optimizing the logistical processes of preclinical animal studies through technology, including aspects of improved data management, tracking systems, or automation in animal handling, all aimed at speeding up the early stages of drug development.

# 11:05 Causal AI & Mechanostics—Increasing Probability of R&D Success from Concept to Clinic

Simon Beaulah, Senior Vice President, Healthcare & Head of US Operations, PrecisionLife

This presentation will explore how Causal AI and mechanistic patient stratification enhance R&D success in precision medicine, focusing on











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complex, chronic diseases. Attendees will learn how these technologies drive the discovery of personalized treatments and innovative diagnostics for unmet medical needs. We'll discuss strategies for identifying novel targets aligned with patient biology, designing faster, more successful clinical trials, and connecting patients to effective therapies based on their disease mechanisms.

#### 11:25 DrugX: Artificial Intelligence-Based Platform for **Drug Repurposing**

Kamal Rawal, PhD, Professor and Head, Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Amity University

Drug repurposing offers a rapid, cost-effective approach to identify new uses for existing drugs. Our study introduces a multimodal pipeline that analyzes 4,136 drug targets and 24,554 interactions using tools like Cell Designer, Cytoscape, and DrugX. This Al-driven platform, with 11 specialized modules, creates comprehensive networks (e.g., Drug-CoV, Drug-Side-Effect), systematically ranking and evaluating candidates, predicting properties, and enhancing drug selection across various therapeutic areas.

11:45 Session O&A with Speakers

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12:25 Building the Scientific AI Factory: From Moonshots to Mass Production

Siping "Spin" Wang, Co-Founder & CTO, Engineering, TetraScience Inc

The future of AI in pharma isn't just about billion-dollar supercomputers - it's about systematically developing hundreds of AI use cases that optimize everyday operations. This talk introduces the "factory model" for scaling scientific datasets into Al deployment: a systematic approach to discovering, engineering, and productizing scientific data and AI use cases across the enterprise. Learn how leading organizations are industrializing their AI development process to accelerate time-to-value.

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#### 2:30 Active Learning for Efficient Target Discovery

Evan Maltz, PhD, Biological Data Scientist, Tessel Biosciences

Tesselogic is a new active learning framework that accelerates target discovery across disease models, from cancer cell lines to patient-derived cultures. It identifies top targets with just 3% of the cost and effort of genomewide screening. We've applied this approach to lung disease discovery in house and benchmarked it on >1,000 screens from the BioGRID ORCS database across 31 tissues of origin.

#### 2:50 Living in Uncertainty: Applying Active Learning to Drug Discovery

Kian Tan, PhD, Director, Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR)

The SynTech group at Novartis focuses on leveraging synthesis and technology to impact drug discovery. This talk will illustrate our application of automation and machine learning to accelerate the design-make-test-analyze cycle. Particular emphasis will be placed on how we utilize models and active learning techniques in molecular design, as well as our efforts to democratize these tools within the medicinal chemistry community.

3:10 Using AI and Absolute Binding Free Energy Calculations to Predict the Binding Modes and Affinities of Protein-protein Inhibitors

Léa El Khoury, PhD, Group Leader - Computational Chemistry, Qubit Pharmaceuticals

A key challenge in drug discovery is designing compounds that bind with high affinity to a target protein. This talk demonstrates how absolute binding free energy calculations can predict protein-ligand affinities during hit identification and optimization phases. Machine learning predictions are also performed to predict small molecules properties. Using physics-based methods and Al models, we describe our approach to identifying and optimizing small molecules targeting novel protein-protein interfaces.

3:30 Accelerating Drug Discovery and Biomarker Mapping through the Convergence of Quantum Computing and AI

Christopher Lundy, Senior Principal Enterprise Architect, Chief Quantum Al Officer, FindInfinite Labs

This presentation explores the revolutionary potential of merging quantum computing with AI in biopharma, transforming drug discovery and biomarker mapping. By harnessing quantum computing's power, Al's predictive abilities, and a new biological framework from FindInfinite Labs, we aim to surpass current biological computation limits. This integration accelerates new therapy development and deepens our understanding of life's complexity through advanced predictive and quantum AI models.

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10:35 Chairperson's Remarks

Christopher Southan, PhD, Honorary Professor, Deanery of Biomedical Sciences, University of Edinburgh

10:40 Mining the First Fruits of Al Drug Discovery from Patents Christopher Southan, PhD, Honorary Professor, Deanery of Biomedical Sciences, University of Edinburgh

This presentation explores how Al-centric drug discovery companies are advancing lead molecules to clinical trials and revealing novel chemical series in patents. Using open-source tools, we mined key patent filings from companies like Exscientia, BenevolentAl, Atomwise, and Insilico Medicine. The analysis maps Al-generated compounds into PubChem, providing insights into their chemical and target novelty, offering a snapshot of the actual data emerging from Al-driven drug discovery efforts.

# 11:00 PatentMiner: Al-Powered Tool for Efficient Large-Scale Patent Data Extraction

Dimitar Yonchev, PhD, Data Engineer, Roche

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#### 11:20 Unlocking the Potential of AI for High-Throughput Immunotherapy Drug Discovery through RNA Splicing

Alyssa Fronk, PhD, Director of Computational Biology, Computational Biology, Envisagenics, Inc.

Envisagenics' SpliceCore platform leverages advanced AI to accelerate immunotherapy drug discovery by identifying novel, tumor-specific epitopes arising through RNA splicing. This innovative approach focuses on splicing events that drive tumor progression and generate new therapeutic targets. Supported by comprehensive case studies and experimental validation, SpliceCore demonstrates robust predictive capabilities, offering a powerful tool for discovering safe, highly specific epitopes. SpliceCore represents a significant advancement in the development of next-generation immunotherapies.

11:40 RNA-Based Drugs Targeting an Evolutionarily Young Long Non-Coding RNA Discovered from GWAS Have the Potential to Replace Insulin and GLP-1 Receptor Agonists in a Nonhuman-Primate Model

Leonard Lipovich, PhD, Department of Biology, College of Science, Mathematics, and Technology, Wenzhou-Kean University; Shenzhen Huayuan Biological Science Research Institute, Shenzhen Huayuan Biotechnology Co. Ltd.; Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics, School of Medicine, Wayne State University

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David Walker, Vice President, Life Sciences Business, Quantori

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1:10 Session Break and Transition to Lunch

1:20 LUNCHEON PRESENTATION: Decoding Disease Biology with Al: The Future of Preclinical R&D



Casandra Mangroo, SVP Product & Science, BenchSci

Drug discovery faces a critical challenge: the growing complexity of disease biology. We generate vast amounts of data, but human analysis is











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#### 2:25 Chairperson's Remarks

Eric Stahlberg, PhD, Executive Administrative Director, Institute for Data Science in Oncology, MD Anderson Cancer Center

#### 2:30 Unlocking the Value of Biomedical Digital Twins: From Cutting-Edge Technologies in BioPharma R&D to Personalized Patient Care

Douglas E. Kiehl, Senior Director, Disruptive & Transformative Technologies Team, Digital Twin COE, Eli Lilly & Co.

Andy Kilianski, PhD, Program Manager, Health Science Futures, ARPA-H Eric Stahlberg, PhD, Executive Administrative Director, Institute for Data Science in Oncology, MD Anderson Cancer Center

Digital twin technology, already transformative in aerospace and energy, holds vast potential in biopharmaceutical R&D and personalized healthcare. Integrating extensive biomedical data, Al innovations, and precision

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#### 10:35 Chairperson's Remarks

Yuval Itan, PhD, Associate Professor, Genetics & Genomic Sciences, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

#### 10:40 Integration of Multiomics with Digital Pathology

David W. Craig, PhD, Deputy Director, Professor & Chair, Integrative Translational Sciences, City of Hope National Medical Center

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Michael Wan, PhD, Research Scientist, Institute for Experiential AI, The Roux Institute, Northeastern University

In osteoporosis research, analyzing osteoclast cell images is vital but laborintensive, relying on manual processing and expert input. We introduce a machine learning algorithm that automates this process, integrating nuclear data and addressing domain shift between mouse and human data. This talk will highlight how AI and computer vision techniques can overcome challenges in translational research, enhancing drug discovery and development. Initial findings were presented at the 2024 CVPR conference.

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Saeed Amal, PhD, Research Prof, Bioengineering Department, The Roux Institute and The Institute for Experiential AI, Northeastern University

We developed a new online tool that combines human expertise and smart Al predictions to grade prostate cancer. Experienced doctors helped us improve the tool by answering questions in a survey and a test called the NASA TLX Usability Test. This helped ensure that the tool meets the needs of intended medical users and proves a valuable addition in clinics.

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Felix Francis, PhD, Senior Manager, Data Management & Analytics, Data Sciences Institute. Takeda

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Anastasia Christianson, PhD, Pharma Industry Data Science Leader Michael Liebman, PhD, Managing Director, IPQ Analytics, LLC

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**10:35 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

10:40 OSPREY, an Open Science Platform for Better Decision-Making in Public Health

Brigitte E. Raumann, Product Manager, University of Chicago, Globus

The COVID-19 pandemic necessitated unprecedented scientific collaboration, leveraging relationships among domain experts, mathematical modelers, and scientific computing specialists to inform public health decisions. Among the myriad outcomes from this collaboration is OSPREY, an open science platform for robust epidemic analysis. We will describe the development and use of the OSPREY prototype and work planned to make it a public resource for epidemiologic modeling and analysis.

#### 11:10 Innovating Drug Discovery with Cloud-Powered Cryo-EM and Structural Biology Tools

Piotr Sliz, PhD, Associate Professor & Vice President & Chief Research Information Officer, Biological Chemistry & Molecular Pharmacology, Harvard Medical School

Harvard Medical School, in collaboration with AWS, has developed a scalable, cloud-powered Cryo-EM infrastructure using SBGrid's suite of 400+ structural biology tools. This innovative approach enables widespread access to high-performance computing for drug discovery, democratizing advanced data analysis across academic, public sector, and biopharma institutions. By deploying this technology at underfunded research centers, like Meharry Medical College, this initiative enables breakthroughs in drug discovery and ultimately new treatments for patients.

11:40 An Open-Source Platform for Quantitative Interactomics Julian West, Graph Database Architect, AbbVie, Inc.

Advances in Power Computing have been tightly-coupled with applications such as AI, but not so much with Dynamical Modeling for Systems Biology. We want to put to good use the Long Attention Span of open-source development, for an ambitious project meant to grow alongside advances in power computing and in interactomics data.

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8:00 am Registration Open

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8:05 Presentation to be Announced



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#### DRIVING CHANGE THROUGH SIMPLIFIED SYSTEM LANDSCAPES: FINDING VALUE BEYOND THE HYPE

**10:20 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

10:25 Too Many Clunky Systems? How to Successfully Manage Size, Complexity, and Cost of Your Pharma R&D System Landscape

Angelika Fuchs, Chapter Lead Data Products and Platforms, pRED Data & Analytics, Roche Diagnostics GmbH

In this talk, ongoing efforts and learnings around system landscape consolidation at Roche will be presented. On the example of molecule registration systems, concrete recommendations will be summarized on how to approach the assessment and implementation of consolidating a specific business capability. At the same time, wrong assumptions, potential pitfalls around landscape harmonization will be shared with the audience.

10:55 Architecture as the Driver of System Change—And a Lesson in Change Management

Anthony Rowe, PhD, Head, Technology—Global Scientific IT, Johnson & Johnson Technology

11:25 PANEL DISCUSSION: Pharma Knowledge Graphs and Large Language Models: How Semantic Is Biomedical AI in 2025

Moderator: Tom Plasterer, PhD, Managing Director, Life Sciences Innovation, ExponentL Data

Synergies between language models and knowledge graphs are now common and practiced in many life science organizations. A new challengeoptimizing where AI excels while recognizing where humans should lead-has arisen. Semantics can bridge this gap, structured as FAIR data, materialized











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in knowledge graphs. We will debate the role of semantics and the "jagged frontier of AI," touching upon Graph RAG, Agentic AI, and climbing the datainformation-knowledge-wisdom pyramid.

Panelists:

Ben Busby, PhD, Principal Scientist, DNAnexus, Inc.

Helena Deus, PhD, Lead for Semantic Data Products, Bristol Myers Squibb Co. Brian Martin, Chief Al Product Owner, BTS; Head of Al, R&D Information Research; Senior Research Fellow, AbbVie, Inc.

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#### 12:25 pm Revolutionizing Drug Discovery Research with a Data-Driven SaaS Approach

revvity signals

Chris Stumpf, Director, Drug Discovery Informatics Solutions, Revvity Signals

This presentation explores how a new, cloud native SaaS platform enhances drug discovery by integrating the Make-Test-Decide R&D cycle into a single, user-friendly solution. By facilitating collaboration across diverse scientific domains and geographies, it enables researchers to discover hits and optimize lead compounds by simplifying the data-driven decision process. Learn how this comprehensive SaaS solution transforms drug development, streamlines workflows, and empowers researchers to focus more on science and less on disparate tools.

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#### **CROSS-DEPARTMENTAL DATA SHARING AND** COLLABORATIVE PLATFORMS

2:25 Chairperson's Remarks (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

2:30 Enabling Secondary Research with Clinical Trial Data: A Case Study in Cross-Departmental Data Harmonization

Radhesh Nair, Director, Data Science and Analytics, Clinical Development, AbbVie

This talk will discuss establishing the business value of pooling and sharing clinical study data across functions, as well as the impact of that data harmonization. We will explore how historical clinical trial data can be used to test hypotheses and generate insights, as well as address data privacy and ethics concerns.

3:00 BioRels' Data Infrastructure: A Scientific Schema and Exchange Standard to Transform and Enhance Biological Data Sciences

Jeremy Desaphy, PhD, Director Scientific Data & Informatics, Genetic Medicines, Eli Lilly & Company

BioRels is an open-source fully tunable data preparation infrastructure processing 30 of the main drug discovery resources. We will present this infrastructure and its impact on Lilly Genetic Medicines drug design. We will also show how complex and heterogenous data can easily be shared between BioRels systems and what the future can look like if we expand it as a community.

3:30 Target Gene Notebook: A Collaborative Platform for Pursuing **Project Targets** 

Jennifer Heymont, PhD, Associate Director, Scientific Informatics, Eisai, Inc.

Eisai's Target Gene Notebook serves two primary functions. Firstly, it automates the collection of data from various informatics resources. Secondly, it offers a toolkit for subject-matter experts to compile and analyze this data, transforming it into actionable reports. These activities provide key genetic evidence for project target selection and safety evaluation.

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**10:35 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

10:40 Secondary Use of Data: Can It Be Leveraged on a Global Scale?

Christina T. Lu, Executive Director & Global Head Data Curation & Integration, Pharma Development Data Sciences, Genentech, Inc.

11:10 Enabling Automated End-to-End Chromatographic Data Workflows and Accelerated Data Insights with the Allotrope Simple Model (ASM) Vendor-Neutral Data Format

W. Christopher Siegler, PhD, Associate Director, Technical Product Management, MRL IT, Merck

Today's R&D laboratory generates vast amounts of diverse data acquired with heterogeneous hardware and software solutions supplied by various vendors. The heterogeneity in vendor data formats and the need to connect data from multiple sources makes scientist daily workflows challenging. This presentation will demonstrate how Allotrope Simple Model (ASM) standardization of chromatographic data at scale simplifies technical architecture to improve scalability and creates transformative opportunities for on demand data consumption.

11:40 Unified Namespace for Preclinical Manufacturing & Process Development: An Industry 4.0 Digitalization Platform for Real-Time Automated Decision-Making

Matthew Conway, Data Engineering Lead, Preclinical Manufacturing & Process Development, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals

Angela Hill, Lead OT Data Manager, PMPD, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

The implementation of a hub-and-spoke Unified Namespace can simplify lateral and vertical system integrations across the data ecosphere, connecting applications to make data available when and where needed irrespective of source. By changing the way we connect systems and applications, we are realizing our vision of a highly connected plant where data-driven, automated decisions drive operations in real-time.

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**10:20 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

#### 10:25 Data—Your Second Language

Frank Dullweber, PhD. Digitalization Professional, Center of Excellence for Digital Transformation, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co. KG

Victoria A. Gamerman, PhD, Global Head of Data Governance, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

The digital transformation of Clinical Development goes beyond simple digital optimization and combines people, processes, and technology with the following core tasks: Treating data as an asset, fostering a data-driven mindset, and driving digital innovation. Artificial intelligence (AI) will not replace people, but will support them by combining human creativity with the data processing power of AI to create innovative solutions.

#### 10:50 Structured Content Authoring of Clinical **Documents Using GenAl**

Mark F. Ciaccio, PhD, Senior Biology Data Scientist, Platform Informatics & Knowledge Management, AbbVie, Inc.

Rapid progress in genAl has enabled advanced structured content authoring of clinical, regulatory, and safety documents. We created an enterprisewide web application to autogenerate documents such as the Clinical Study Report, Informed Consent Form, and Product Safety Update Report using an extensible content template. The application can create whole documents in minutes by synthesizing and adding each section according to the template including Al-generated text, tables, images, and diagrams.











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#### 11:15 Optimizing Trial Study Design: GenAl-Enhanced Protocol Intelligence Tool

Ophelia Mok, Senior Manager, Business Analytics and Insights, Global Development Organization, Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

We used a semi-automated, GenAl-powered Protocol Schedule of Activities (SOA) table analyzer to evaluate clinical trial study burden. This tool provides study teams with competitor intelligence and promotes early discussions. It delivers actionable insights on patient burden related to protocol design, with the goal of minimizing protocol complexity and reducing the need for amendments.

#### 11:35 The Adoption and Implementation of AI and ML across **Biopharmaceutical Companies**

Mary Jo Lamberti, PhD, Director and Research Associate Professor, Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development (CSDD)

The presentation will review where sponsors and CROs are deploying Al (artificial intelligence) and machine learning (ML) in clinical development based on a collaborative industry study. The presentation will examine the challenges of implementation as well as those methods that can increase trust in AI/ML across organizations.

#### 11:55 Simplify, Automate, Innovate: Advancing Clinical **Development through Data Standardization**



Amar Doshi, President, TopQuadrant Inc

Fragmented data, manual workflows, and inconsistent standards continue to hinder progress in clinical development, slowing progress and innovation and leaving teams buried in spreadsheets, struggling with data wrangling instead of focusing on higher-value work like discovery and decision-making. Addressing these problems is critical to advancing clinical research and improving patient outcomes.

In this session, you'll learn how a Fortune 500 pharmaceutical company tackled these challenges head-on by harmonizing reference data and automating data wrangling and report authoring with semantic tools. Amar Doshi, President of TopQuadrant, will share how this transformation unlocked faster insights, streamlined processes, and improved patient outcomes. Discover how simplifying and automating manual tasks empowers teams to focus on innovation and discovery, driving meaningful results in clinical development.

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#### 2:30 Enabling Digital Data Flow via Digitalized Protocol

Sriram Krishnamurthy, Associate Director, Global Development Solutions, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

In our presentation, we will discuss Regeneron's approach towards digitalization of the study protocol and the schedule of events. We will explore the different strategies for protocol digitization and discuss how Regeneron is piloting an approach that leverages assisted authoring capabilities for protocol digitization. We will delve into the business processes and technologies that drive the digitization and highlight the value proposition of this approach.

#### 3:00 Digitizing Clinical Research: IEEE-SA CTTMN's Technical Standards Framework

Isaac R. Rodriguez-Chavez, PhD. MHSc. MSc. CEO, 4Biosolutions Consulting (Sci/ Clin/Reg Affairs) & Co-Chair, EEE-SA, Clinical Trial Technology Modernization Network (CTTMN)

Mathew Rose, MD, Co-Chair, IEEE; Founder and CEO, SAAVHA, Inc.

The IEEE-SA CTTMN will discuss its work on five crucial technical standards to digitize clinical research: AI/ML, Risk-Based Assessment, Telehealth, Cybersecurity, and Hospitals at Home. These standards ensure consistency, reliability, and interoperability, enhancing patient safety, data quality, and security. By addressing key areas, they pave the way for efficient, secure, and patient-centric trials. Join this talk to discover how these groundbreaking standards will reshape clinical research and elevate your trials.

#### 3:30 Med.ai HealthLink - a Multi-Tenant Data Solution to Enable Clinical Trial Tokenization

Alex Li, Director, Data Science Platform, Johnson & Johnson Ankit Lodha, Director, Data Science Portfolio Management, Johnson & Johnson

Med.ai HealthLink is a GxP-compliant, innovative multi-tenant data platform developed in-house by JnJ, which has facilitated over 10 tokenized trials for the company.

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#### LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGIES TO DRIVE CLINICAL RESEARCH INNOVATION FORWARD

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10:40 Advanced Therapies Site Coordination and Logistics: Capabilities to Facilitate Patient Scheduling, Slot Management, and Logistics for Personalized Therapies Such as CAR T

Swapna Bapat, Senior Technology Product Manager, Advanced Therapies, .lanssen

Laszlo Vasko, Senior Director, Clinical Innovation R&D IT, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

CAR T therapies are the ultimate form of personalized medicine. This presentation will cover the unique challenges of running clinical trials, managing investigational supply, and the need for close coordination with clinical trial sites from patient selection, slot reservation, and chain of identity/ custody tracking. We'll review the technology components of a vein-to-vein capability, including a trial site front-end portal, slot management capability, planning, and supply chain integration.

#### 11:10 The Future of Clinical Trials: Data-Driven Insights into **Decentralized Solutions**

Joan Chambers, Senior Consultant, Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development

As clinical trials increasingly adopt decentralized clinical trial (DCT) solutions to improve patient accessibility, the Tufts CSDD-PACT Consortium has collected and analyzed data from 69 trials to assess the effectiveness of various DCT methodologies. This presentation reveals key insights into the most frequently used DCT solutions and their impact on recruitment, retention, and cycle times, emphasizing the need for ongoing data collection to optimize DCT implementation.

#### 11:40 PANEL DISCUSSION: Patient Identification for Clinical Trials in **Electronic Health Record Systems**

Moderator: Laszlo Vasko, Senior Director, Clinical Innovation R&D IT, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Patient recruitment into clinical trials continues to be the largest and costliest stumbling block in drug development. Certain therapies could significantly benefit from ways to flag patients in clinical care systems, notifying site staff of opportunities to match patients to trials. This panel will discuss sponsor and healthcare institution perspectives on the opportunities and challenges of trying to tap into EHRs for patient recruitment, as well as ideas for industry collaboration. Panelists:

Lukasz Kaczmarek, Principal Medical Informatics Architect, Medical Informatics Section, Roche

Steven E. Labkoff, MD, Vice President, Development & Medical Analytics, Business Insights & Technology, Bristol Myers Squibb

Yuri Quintana, PhD, Chief, Division of Clinical Informatics, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Christian Reich, MD. Principal Investigator, Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics (OHDSI) Center, Northeastern University

12:10 pm Presentation to be Announced (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

1:10 Session Break and Transition to Lunch

1:20 Luncheon Presentation (Sponsorship Opportunity Available) or Enjoy Lunch on Your Own

1:50 Refreshment Break in the Exhibit Hall with Last Chance for **Poster Viewing** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

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#### DRIVING AI INNOVATION: BEST PRACTICES FOR **IMPLEMENTATION IN BIOPHARMA**

**2:30 Chairperson's Remarks** (Sponsorship Opportunity Available)

2:35 Unlocking AI Potential: Best Practices for Implementation and Management

Vinod Das, R&D Drug Innovation, AI Solutions, Bayer Pharmaceuticals Petrina Kamya, PhD, Global Head of Al Platforms & Vice President, Insilico Medicine; President, Insilico Medicine Canada

Srivatsan Nagaraia, Founder, Vidva Seva

As AI transforms drug discovery, development, and precision medicine, understanding the business operations behind these advancements is essential. This session will cover critical aspects such as AI tool selection, project scoping, budget management, and prioritization amid evolving regulations. Hear real-world case studies on successful AI deployment, with strategies to navigate regulatory risks while ensuring cost-effectiveness. Join us for a dynamic discussion to harness Al's full potential in life sciences innovation.









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- · AI/ML in Biotech: Educating Investors for **Smarter Decisions**
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- · IPO Market Insights: Timing Your Biotech Exit
- · Pipeline and Portfolio Management: De-Risking with Pharma Partnerships
- · Building the Right Biotech Company: Asset Count and **Funding Strategy**
- Fundraising and Exit Strategies: Setting Realistic Expectations
- Overcoming the Valley of Death: Strategies for **Biotech Start-Ups**
- · Biotech Regulation Trends: Shaping Investment Strategies

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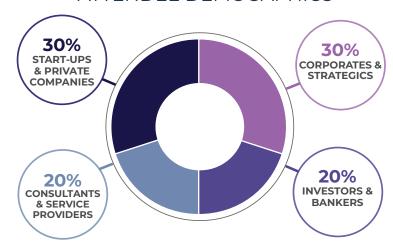
Derek Lowe, PhD Director in Chemical Biology & Therapeutics, Novartis BioMedical Research



**Barry Canton, PhD** Co-Founder & CTO, Ginkgo BioWorks, Inc.

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