CIC 2027 CLIB International Conference CLIB

Beyond business as usual – How biotechnology can thrive in a changing world

17 & 18 February 2027, LINDNER HOTEL Düsseldorf Seestern

Preliminary Programme

Wednesday, 17 February

09:00	Registration	
10:00	**Opening Session**	
10:00	Opening	**Tatjana Schwabe-Marković**, Senior Project Manager | CLIB - Cluster Industrial Biotechnology
10:10	Welcome	**Dennis Herzberg**, Cluster Manager | CLIB - Cluster Industrial Biotechnology & **Roland Breves**, Chairman of the Board | CLIB - Cluster Industrial Biotechnology
10:20	Impulse	Regional political impulse
10:30	Impulse	National political impulse
10:40	Impulse	European political impulse
10:50	Keynote	tba
11:25	Keynote	tba
12:00	Lunch	
13:20	**Session 1: Smarter than usual - How can we rethink process design?**	
3:20	Introduction	**Kathrin Rübberdt**, Head of Division Science & Industrie | DECHEMA Gesellschaft für Chemische Technik und Biotechnologie
13:30	Presentation	tba
13:50	Presentation	**Andreas Jupke**, Chair of Fluid Process Engineering (AVT.FVT) | RWTH Aachen University & Institute of Bio- and Geosciences | Forschungszentrum Jülich
14:10	Presentation	**Fabian Müller**, Specialist Advanced Development, Biotech and Process Automation | Festo
14:30	Discussion	tba
14:45	Coffee Break	
15:20	**Session 2: Faster than usual - How can we scale at speed?**	
15:20	Introduction	tba
15:30	Presentation	**Christine Rasche**, Head of Chemical and Biotechnological Processes Division | Fraunhofer IGB/CBP
15:50	Presentation	tba
16:10	Presentation	tba
16:30	Discussion	tba
16:45	Coffee Break	
17:20	**Panel: Bolder than usual - How can we reinvent biotech?**	
17:20	Moderation	**Lars Börger**, CEO | nova Institut
17:30	Input	**Stephan Lütz**, Chair of Bioprocess Engineering | TU Dortmund University
17:40	Panel	**Liv Adler**, Project Lead Bio4PURConti / Bio-Aniline | Covestro Deutschland
	Panel	**Cornelia Bähr**, Senior Investment Manager | b.value
	Panel	tba
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18:30	Conference Dinner	

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08:30	Registration	
09:00	**Opening Session**	
09:00	Opening	**Sarah Refai**, Senior Project Manager | CLIB - Cluster Industrial Biotechnology
09:10	Keynote	**Virginia Puzzolo**, Head of Programme | Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU)
09:35	**Session 4: Tougher than usual: How can we unlock the full potential of lignin?**	
09:35	Introduction	**Kelly Servaes**, Project Manager | VITO
09:45	Presentation	**Ydna Questell-Santiago**, CTO | Bloom Biorenewables
10:05	Presentation	**Balaji Sridharan**, Researcher | VITO
10:25	Presentation	**Antoine Duval**, R&D Manager Green Chemistry | Soprema
10:45	Discussion	
11:05	Coffee Break	
11:40	**Session 5: Sharper than usual - How can we drive competitiveness?**	
11:40	Introduction	**Janina Koelschbach**, Team Lead Genetic Engineering | BRAINBiocatalysts
11:50	Presentation	**Katrin Rosenthal**, Head of Research Group Bioprocess Engineering | Bielefeld University
12:10	Presentation	**Lars Regestein**, CEO | Biophelion
12:30	Presentation	**Jessica Rehdorf**, Director New Business Development | AB Enzymes
12:50	Discussion	
13:05	Recap	**Dennis Herzberg**, Cluster Manager | CLIB - Cluster Industrial Biotechnology
13:20	Lunch	
14:25	**Networking & Topic Lounges**	
	Network freely with other participants or join one of our three topic lounges:	
		Rethinking process design
		Scaling at speed
		Unlocking the potential of lignin
16:25	End of conference	