

III PASSION FOR SCIENCE Congress

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Location: Francisco de Vitoria Auditorium – Europe Congress Palace (Vitoria-Gasteiz)

08:30 – 09:30	Registration & Presentations uploading/poster placement Main hall of Europe Palace
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome session • Joxerramon Bengoetxea (Rector of the EHU)
09:45 – 10:45	PLENARY SPEAKER I • Pedro Miguel Echenique. Founder and President of the Donostia International Physics Center (DIPC) and Professor at UPV/EHU.
10:45 – 11:45	Roundtable. Ciencia, industria y sociedad: una responsabilidad compartida • Fernando Cossio. Scientific Director, Ikerbasque. • Maria Jose Alonso Professor, University of Santiago de Compostela (USC) • Jon Umerez Vice-Rector for Research, University of the Basque Country (EHU) • I+Med
11:45 – 12:15	Coffee break and Poster viewing
12:15 – 13:00	Oral presentations. Session I Selected talks: 7-minute presentation, 3 minutes for Q&A
13:00 – 14:00	Oral presentations. Session II Selected talks: 7-minute presentation, 3 minutes for Q&A
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 – 15:45	PLENARY SPEAKER II • Maria José Alonso Full professor of Biopharmaceutics and Pharmaceutical Technology at the University of Santiago de Compostela (USC).
15:45 – 16:45	Oral presentations. Session III Selected talks: 7-minute presentation, 3 minutes for Q&A
16:45 – 17:30	Experiences beyond the Academy • Career Development Specialist • Edurne Rujas. Ikerbasque Research Fellow at The university of the Basque Country. • Sergio Cardoso. Technology Innovation Manager at Biogipuzkoa Health Research Institute. • Kevin de las Heras. Project manager and scientific lead – Tecnalía.
17:30 – 18:15	Flash poster presentations 3 minutes, 1 poster, make your research unforgettable
18:15	Closing Remarks

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Location: Francisco de Vitoria Auditorium –Europe Congress Palace (Vitoria-Gasteiz)

09:00 – 09:30	Registration & welcome
09:30 – 10:00	Biopolymers in action. <i>Biomedical applications of polymers.</i> PLENARY SPEAKER I: • Virginia Saez-Martinez. Scientific Coordinator at i+Med.
10:00 – 10:30	Biopolymers in action. PLENARY SPEAKER II: • Marcelo Calderón. Research Staff Coordinator in Polymat (area Polymers for Health). Ikerbasque Research Professor at Polymat and EHU.
10:30– 11:00	Biopolymers in action. PLENARY SPEAKER III: <i>Beyond Compliance: How EDQM Certification Supports High-Quality Hyaluronic Acid Manufacturing</i> • Véronique Martinetti Quality and Regulatory Director, TEKNOLIKE. PLENARY SPEAKER IV: <i>From Molecules to Medicine: Understanding the Impact of Biopolymers Quality on Injectable Products</i> • Nasreddine Kanfar Lecturer and Senior Scientist at the “Hopitaux Universitaires de Genève” (HUG).
11:00– 11:45	Roundtable. <i>In Conversation: from Science and Innovation to Quality Biomedical Products</i> • Véronique Martinetti. Quality and Regulatory Director, TEKNOLIKE. • Nasreddine Kanfar. Lecturer and Senior Scientist at HUG. • Raúl Perez. Chief Scientific Officer in i+Med. • Marcelo Calderón. Research Staff Coordinator in Polymat. • Moderated by: Virginia Saez-Martinez
11:45 – 12:15	Coffee break and & “ Create & Connect –Challenge”*
12:15– 12:45	PLENARY SPEAKER: <i>From science, innovation and vision to Health Impact: Building a Translational Innovation Ecosystem.</i> • Maria Aguirre Head of Health and Socio-Health Transition at SPRI.
12:45– 13:30	The Journey to the Patient I: from Preclinical to Clinical Trials. PLENARY SPEAKER I: <i>“From Models to Medicines through New Approach Methodologies for Predictive and Accelerated Drug Development and Translational Research”.</i> • Bruno Sarmiento. Internationally recognized researcher in nanomedicine and drug delivery, Group Leader at i3S, University of Porto.
13:30 – 14:00	The Journey to the Patient I: from Preclinical to Clinical Trials. PLENARY SPEAKER II • Felipe Goñi. Biotechnology Area Manager at GAIKER Technological Center.

14:00 – 15:00	Lunch Break
15:00 – 15:30	The Journey to the Patient I: from Preclinical to Clinical Trials. Dialogue. Real-World Current Challenges • Zuriñe Abajo. Clinical Trials Unit of the Bioaraba Health Research Institute. • Josune Torrecilla. Surveillance and Clinical Operations Area Manager. Quality and Regulatory Affairs, i+Med S. Coop.
15:30 – 16:00	The journey to the Patient II: clinical perspectives and Real Needs PLENARY SPEAKER I • Aritz Urkola. Head of the Glaucoma Unit, Araba University Hospital Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU)
16:00 – 16:30	The journey to the Patient II: clinical perspectives and Real Needs PLENARY SPEAKER II • Diego Delgado Head of the R&D&I Department, MiKS Hospital PLENARY SPEAKER III • Mikel Sanchez Medical and Scientific Director, Hospital MiKS
16:30 – 17:00	Open Forum: Questions, Challenges and Perspectives • Diego Delgado Head of the R&D&I Department, MiKS Hospital • Mikel Sanchez Medical and Scientific Director, Hospital MiKS
17:00- 17:30	Closing Remarks and Awards Ceremony

