

Faces of Industrial Research 2026

Rolex Learning Center, EPFL, Lausanne
20th February, 2026



Program

Morning Session	
8:00	Registration / Booths visit / Welcome coffee
9:00	Opening words Introduction of the booths
9:25	Laurence Romy, PhD, PMP : Biopôle introduction
Session 1: Translational Biomedical Science	
9:40	Naomi Wieser, PhD : Preclinical Scientist at OM Pharma "Infectiously Curious: A journey from Academia to Industry"
9:55	Fabio De Martino, PhD : NGS Scientist at SOPHiA GENETICS "Beyond academia – what changes, what doesn't, and why curiosity matters most"
10:10	Coffee Break
Session 2: From Preclinical Research to Clinical Strategy	
10:50	Raquel Luna Yolba, PhD : Associate Clinical Development Director at Novartis "Collecting the Pieces: My Journey Towards Clinical Development"
11:05	Shekoofeh Yaghmaei, MD : Evidence Generation Specialist at AstraZeneca "Bridging Clinics, Academia, and Industry: Evidence Generation in Oncology"
11:20	Panel Discussion Q&A
12:15	Lunch break / Booths visit

Afternoon Session	
Session 3: Scientific entrepreneurship	
13:55	Tamara Melnik, PhD : MS&T Parenteral Manufacturing Manager at BMS "From PhD to Industry: The Mindset Shifts That Make You Effective"
14:10	Christopher Rudolf, PhD : Founder / CEO at Volv Global SA "Think different: converting failure to success"
14:25	Jan Romano de Gea, PhD : Founder of Germion Therapeutics "Finding translation in remote spaces"
14:40	Panel Discussion Q&A
15:50	Closing Remarks
16:05	Network Apéro
18:20	End