

# Faces of Industrial Research 2026

Rolex Learning Center, EPFL, Lausanne

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## Program

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

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