

2024 HealthBIO Program

4 September 2024

Presidentti Auditorium, BioCity, Tykistökatu 6, Turku

- 09.30 – Registration
- 10.00 – 10.15 **HealthBIO Opening words by the Chair of the morning session**
Pekka Simula, Innovestor Life Sciences Fund
- 10.15 – 10.45 **Finnish biotech year 2023**
Tero Piispanen, Business Turku Ltd
- 10.45 – 11.15 **Update of National VC Funding initiatives**
Joni Karsikas, Finnish Industry Investment Tesi
- 11.15 – 11.45 **Finnish Drug Development Centre – an activity update**
Maarit Merla, Finnish Drug Development Centre
- 11.45 – 13.20 Lunch at restaurant Mauno
- 13.20 – 13.30 **Opportunities offered by nanocellulose**
Johana Kuncova-Kallio, UPM Biomedicals, Chair of the afternoon
- 13.30 – 14.00 **Key Trends in Diagnostics Innovation from a VC Perspective**
Gemma Sturt, we Venture Capital
- 14.00 – 14.30 **Trends in the global drug development landscape**
Timo Lappalainen, University of Turku
- 14.30 – 15.00 Short break
- 15.00 – 15.30 **Aiforia – AI based image analysis**
Kaisa Helminen, Aiforia Technologies Plc
- 15.30 – 16.00 **Harmonic Discovery - growth by international presence**
Rayees Rahman, Harmonic Discovery Inc
- 16.00 – 16.15 **Ending discussion**
Johana Kuncova-Kallio, UPM Biomedicals
- 19.00 – 22.00 **Evening reception at Aboa Vetus Ars Nova, Itäinen Rantakatu 4-6**
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2024 HealthBIO Pitching Competition (Draft)
September 5, 2024

Venue: Visitor and Innovation Centre Joki

Time: ca 10.00 – 13.00

6 –10 pitching candidates, each 6 min + Q&A 4 min

Jury:

- Pekka Simula / Innovestor Life Sciences
- Pekka Hildén / Almaral VC
- Louise Warme / we Venture Capital
- Timo Veromaa / University of Turku

Pitching competition prize:

Winner gets a free ticket to BioEurope's Next gen or startup spotlight in Stockholm (Nov 4-6, 2024)

Please note also:

Supercomputing for Business seminar
September 5, 2024

Venue: Visitor and Innovation Centre Joki

Time: 8.30 – 13.15

For companies that want to speed up their product development and innovation work with the help of Europe's fastest supercomputer EuroHPC LUMI.

Seminar is a free of charge event for companies interested in unlocking the advantages of supercomputing for their business!

[For more information and registration](#)