



# The 3rd Molecular Biology Summit

20-21 October 2016 London, UK



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4<sup>th</sup> qPCR/dPCR,  
3<sup>rd</sup> SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY,  
2<sup>nd</sup> MICROFLUIDICS CONGRESS

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# Summit Introduction

Following the highly successful summit held in October last year, Global Engage is pleased to announce that the event will be returning on 20-21st October in central London.

The summit consists of our 4th qPCR and Digital PCR Congress, 3rd Synthetic Biology Congress and 2nd Microfluidics Congress. This year's event is expected to build on the 550 attendees and 100 poster presentations and 50 exhibitors at the 2015 summit.

The summit offers a vibrant exhibition room full of technology providers showcasing their technologies and other solutions, poster presentation sessions, expert led case study presentations and interactive Q&A panel discussions from a speaker faculty examining topics on:

- Human Synthetic Biology
- Plant Synthetic Biology
- Digital PCR
- qPCR
- dPCR/qPCR Plant, Food and Environment Case Studies
- Microfluidics

For a more details, see the agenda on following pages.



Bringing together industry & academic experts working in areas such as molecular biology/diagnostics, gene expression, genomics, biomarkers, pathogen detection, GMO, mRNA, NGS, bioinformatics and data management, the congress examined the latest developments, opportunities and applications of both dPCR and qPCR through case studies across diverse areas such as oncology, virology, infectious diseases, vaccines, prenatal diagnosis, clinical applications, microbiology, food microbiology, plant/ecology genomics, environmental testing and other novel applications.

With increasing numbers of real-time PCR users purchasing digital PCR due to its reduction in cost, absolute quantification, improved sensitivity, precision and greater robustness; and with the gene amplification market predicted to grow to \$2.2 billion by 2017, this conference provides a timely opportunity to learn first-hand about applications and guidelines in dPCR whilst also keeping up to date with latest developments and strategies in qPCR. [See conference webpages](#)



Designed for experts working in genome engineering, technological development, cell building, bio-manufacturing and gene editing, the Synthetic Biology Congress will examine the latest developments in these fields in both the healthcare and plant biology sectors. Between these presentations, groups of respected experts will meet in panel talks, discussing a range of topics linked to the future of Synthetic Biology.

In this promising, and collaborative field, this conference provides a timely interactive networking forum, offering the opportunity to take home cutting edge research, strategies, methods and solutions to allow you to keep up to date with the latest advancements, novel methods and applications of Synthetic Biology. [See conference webpages](#)



Microfluidics is a rapidly developing area of research, and scientists are continually discovering the wide range of possibilities the technology can provide. At the intersection of engineering, physics, chemistry, nanotechnology, and biotechnology, microfluidics is revolutionising the way patients are diagnosed, monitored and treated, and is unlocking the potential for reduced reagent consumption and thus, cost.

Attracting experts working in all areas of microfluidics, the conference will examine the latest developments in the technologies and techniques being used for progressing medical research, as well as the challenges and future of microfluidics. [See conference webpages](#)

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## qPCR and Digital PCR Congress



**Stephen Bustin**  
Professor, Anglia  
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**Anders Ståhlberg**  
Associate Professor,  
University of  
Gothenburg



**Philip Day**  
Director of the  
Quantitative  
Molecular Medicine  
Group, University of  
Manchester



**Penny Hirsch**  
Professor, Soil  
Microbial Ecology,  
Rothamsted Research

## Micofluidics Congress



**Andreas Manz**  
KIST Europe,  
Saarbrücken



**Eugenia  
Kumacheva**  
University Professor,  
Department of  
Chemistry, University  
of Toronto



**J. Michael Ramsey**  
Minnie N. Goldby  
Distinguished  
Professor of  
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of North Carolina at  
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**Christoph Merten**  
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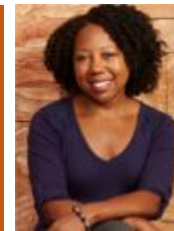
## Synthetic Biology Congress



**Jay Keasling**  
Professor of Chemical  
Engineering and  
Bioengineering,  
University of  
California, Berkeley



**Richard Kitney**  
Professor of  
Biomedical Systems  
Engineering, Imperial  
College London







**Karmella Haynes**  
Assistant Professor of  
Medical Engineering,  
Arizona State  
University






**Vincent Noireaux**  
Associate Professor,  
University of  
Minnesota

Plus over 100 more.....




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Keynote Address: The MIQE guidelines 2009-2016 <b>Stephen Bustin, Professor, Anglia Ruskin University, UK</b>			Keynote Address: Microfluidics, channel networks and self assembly <b>Andreas Manz, KIST Europe, Saarbrucken Germany</b>	Keynote Address: Engineering Microbes for Production of Chemicals and Fuels <b>Jay Keasling, Professor of Chemical engineering and Bioengineering at the University of California, Berkeley</b>	
Ultrasensitive mutation detection in blood plasma using dPCR and a novel error-free sequencing approach <b>Anders Ståhlberg, Associate Professor, University of Gothenburg, Sweden</b>			Microtubular MEMS for microfluidic applications <b>Oliver Schmidt, Professor, Director, Institute for Integrative Nanosciences, IFW Dresden, Germany</b>	Regulation of cancer epigenomes with a histone-binding synthetic transcription factor <b>Karmella Haynes, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Ira A. Fulton School of Biological and Health Systems Engineering</b>	
Solution Provider Presentation: <b>Fanny Garlan, Translational Research and Microfluidics Team, Paris Descartes University, France</b>					Solution Provider Presentation: <b>Louise Bird, Senior Research Scientist, Oxford Protein Production Facility (OPPF), University of Oxford. UK</b>
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Digital PCR: Possibilities & Opportunities	qPCR: Strategies & Developments	Plant, Food and Environment Case Studies	Strategy and Technology in Microfluidics	Healthcare Stream	Plant Synthetic Biology
The potential advantages of digital PCR when performing molecular measurement <b>Jim Huggett, Principal Scientist, LGC, UK</b>	Pre-PCR processing: a concept to generate PCR-compatible samples <b>Peter Radstrom, Professor and Head of Applied Microbiology, Faculty of Engineering, Lund University, Sweden</b>	Next generation of analytical tools based on qPCR and dPCR for dairy microbiology <b>Mickael Boyer, Analytical Microbiology and Molecular Biology Team Leader, Danone Nutricia Research, France</b>	Open Droplets: Programming chemical flow in microfluidics <b>Jean-Christophe Baret, Full Professor, University of Bordeaux; Team Leader, CNRS, France</b>	Immunogenomic engineering of plug-and-(dis)play mammalian cells for protein expression and engineering <b>Sai Reddy, Assistant Professor of Biomolecular Engineering, Dept. of Biosystems Science &amp; Engineering, ETH Zurich, Germany</b>	Re-designing gene regulatory networks underlying plant disease resistance <b>Katherine Denby, Professor, School of Life Sciences, Warwick University</b>


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Measurement uncertainties associated to digital PCR <b>Phillipe Corbisier, Team Leader and Scientific Programme Manager, European Commission, Belgium</b>	Factors that lead to the occurrence of PCR artefacts <b>Maurice van den Hoff, Associate Professor, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands</b>	The Use of DNA Analytical Techniques to Monitor Food Authenticity <b>Patrick O'Mahony, Chief Specialist, Food Technology, Food Safety Authority, Ireland</b>	Microdroplet technologies for high-throughput experimentation in biology and for the point-of-care <b>Piotr Garstecki, Professor, Group Leader, Institute of Physical Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland</b>	SporoBeads: Reprogramming bacterial differentiation to generate functionalized biological microparticles <b>Thorsten Mascher, Professor (Chair) of General Microbiology and Director of the Institute of Microbiology, Ludwig-Maximilians-University (LMU) Munich</b>	Engineering cellular interactions for synthetic development <b>Paul Grant, Researcher, Department of Plant Sciences, University of Cambridge</b>
Data driven thresholding of digital PCR fluorescence intensities, your umbrella for heavy rain <b>Lieven Clement, Professor of Statistics, University of Ghent, Belgium</b>	Development and validation of a rapid hybrid Mycoplasma method: a combination of conventional Mycoplasma culturing and qPCR <b>Susan Brand-Hoefs, Specialist at the Center of Expertise - Microbiology, Merck Sharp &amp; Dohme</b>	Norovirus detection and genotyping from environmental swab samples linked to foodborne outbreaks using reverse transcription PCR, qPCR and ddPCR <b>Leena Maunula, Director of Research, University of Helsinki, Finland</b>	<b>Solution Provider Presentation</b> From droplets to cartridges: Strategies and technologies for the development of integrated microfluidic devices <b>Holger Becker, Co-founder and CSO, microfluidic ChipShop GmbH, Germany</b>	Solution Provider Presentation <b>Danilo Tait, PhD, AATI European Director</b> 	<b>Solution Provider Presentation</b> For sponsorship opportunities please contact Nick Best/ Gavin Hambrook at <a href="mailto:sponsorship@globalengage.co.uk">sponsorship@globalengage.co.uk</a>
Solution Provider Presentation: <b>Remi Dangla, CEO of Stilla Technologies</b> 	<b>Solution Provider Presentation</b> For sponsorship opportunities please contact Nick Best/ Gavin Hambrook at <a href="mailto:sponsorship@globalengage.co.uk">sponsorship@globalengage.co.uk</a>		Lunch		
Lunch			Acoustic nanoparticle trapping and enrichment enables a rapid route to biomarker analysis in extracellular vesicles <b>Thomas Laurell, Professor Medical Chemical Microsensors, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Lund University, Sweden</b>	Early Career Researcher Presentation: Sequential bottom-up assembly of functional cell-like compartments <b>Marian Weiss, Department of New Materials and Biosystems, Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems, Germany</b>	Early Career Researcher Presentation: Light-activated communication in Synthetic Tissues <b>Michael J Booth, Chemistry Department, University of Oxford, UK</b>

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Digital PCR assays for the use in Point-of-Care systems and on standard Real-Time devices. <b>Piotr Garstecki, Associate Professor, Institute of Chemistry, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland</b>	RT-qPCR clinical assay for monitoring of persistence of genetically modified T-cells <b>Beata Surmacz-Cordle, Senior Analytical Development Scientist, Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult, UK</b>	Using new real-time PCR detection to identify the factors that affect the spatial and temporal distribution of mycobacteria in aquatic systems <b>Francoise Lucas, Professor, LEESU, University of Paris-Est Creteil, France</b>	Title: to be confirmed <b>Thomas Franke, Professor in Biomedical Engineering, Chair in Biomedical Engineering, University of Glasgow, UK</b>	Combinatorial protein engineering of proteolytically resistant mesotrypsin inhibitors as candidates for cancer therapy <b>Niv Papo, Assistant Professor, Edgar de Picciotto Chair in Cancer Therapeutics and Imaging, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev</b>	Synthesis of Microcompartments in Plants for Enhanced Carbon Fixation <b>Martin Parry, Professor, Lancaster Environment Centre, Lancaster University</b>
The role of qPCR and PCR in next generation sequencing library preparation – development of a digital droplet PCR assay to determine the efficiency of illumine library preparation <b>Mike Quail, Senior Staff Scientist, Wellcome Trsut Sanger Institute, UK</b>	Accelerated development of multiplex real-time PCR by a fluorogenic mastermix <b>Felix von Stetten, Group leader, Laboratory for MEMS Applications, Department of Microsystems Engineering – IMTEK, University of Freiburg, Germany</b>	Relations between gene expression patterns and toxic effects of the residues of selected anticancer drugs in zebrafish experimental model <b>Matjaz Novak, Senior Associate, Department of Genetic Toxicology and Cancer Biology, National Institute of Biology, Slovenia</b>	Extended-nano Fluidics - Technology, Science, and Applications <b>Takehiko Kitamori, Professor, Department of Bioengineering, The University of Tokyo, Japan</b>	Using RetroSynthesis in Synthetic Biology and Metabolic Engineering <b>Jean-Loup Faulon, Senior Research Director, Micalis Institute, INRA, Jouy-en-Josas, France</b>	Engineering nitrogen fixation <b>Luis Rubio, Deputy Director, Centre for Plant Genomics and Biotechnology, Technical University of Madrid</b>
Solution Provider Presentation: <b>Johnson NG, Founder and CEO, JN Medsys</b>  	Solution Provider Presentation: <b>Asgar Muhammad, Unit of Infectious Diseases, Karolinska Institute, Sweden and Arndt Schmitz, Biotechnology Group Leader, Bayer, Germany</b>  	Labs-on-a-chip meets smart nanomaterials and micromotors <b>Alberto Escarpa, Professor of Analytical Chemistry, and Director of the Department of Analytical Chemistry, Physical Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, University of Alcala, Spain</b>	<b>Solution Provider Presentation</b> For sponsorship opportunities please contact Nick Best/ Gavin Hambrook at <a href="mailto:sponsorship@globalengage.co.uk">sponsorship@globalengage.co.uk</a>	<b>Solution Provider Presentation</b> For sponsorship opportunities please contact Nick Best/ Gavin Hambrook at <a href="mailto:sponsorship@globalengage.co.uk">sponsorship@globalengage.co.uk</a>	
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Solution Provider Presentation: <b>Ramon Kranaster, CEO and co-founder of myPOLS Biotech</b>  	<b>Solution Provider Presentation</b> For sponsorship opportunities please contact Nick Best/ Gavin Hambrook at <a href="mailto:sponsorship@globalengage.co.uk">sponsorship@globalengage.co.uk</a>	Title: to be confirmed <b>Carlotta Guiducci, Assistant Professor, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland</b>	Combining synthetic biology and molecular evolution for optimizing and understanding gene expression <b>Tamir Tuller, Associate Professor, Computational Systems and Synthetic Biology, Edmond J. Safra Centre for Bioinformatics, Tel Aviv University</b>	Rewiring Plants for Enhanced Biomass <b>Ines Ezcurra, Associate Professor, Plant Synthetic Biology Group, KTH Royal Institute of Technology</b>	

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ddPCR for MRD monitoring in mature B cell malignancies <b>Marco Ladetto, Professor and Head of Haematology, University of Turin, Italy</b>	Application of Whole Transcriptome AmpliSeq-RNA on the Ion Torrent NGS platform for gene expression profiling of limited amount samples in preclinical and translational research <b>Friedrich Raulf, Senior Investigator, Novartis, Switzerland</b>	Using qPCR to compare the presence and activity of nitrogen-cycling genes in agricultural soils <b>Penny Hirsch, Professor and Principal Investigator of Soil Microbial Ecology, Rothamsted Research, UK</b>	A comparison of detection approaches for selective and sensitive biosensing in microfluidic devices <b>Gillian M. Greenway, Professor of Analytical Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, University of Hull, UK</b>	Synthetic biology approaches for treating Huntington's disease <b>Mark Isalan, Reader in Gene Network Engineering, Department of Life Sciences, Imperial College London, UK</b>	<i>In vivo</i> assembly of DNA-fragments in <i>Physcomitrella patens</i> as a biotech tool to produce fragrances and drugs <b>Henrik Toft Simonsen, Associate Professor, Department of Systems Biology, Technical University of Denmark, Denmark</b>
Digital Droplet PCR and Real-Time PCR – comparison of performance parameters on identical sets of samples <b>Marie Korabecna, Associate Professor, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic</b>	Developing ultrasensitive qPCR testing for ctDNA <b>Alain Thierry, Director of Personalised Medicine Research, INSERM, France</b>	The challenge of RT-qPCR in ornamentals <b>Ellen De Keyser, Senior Researcher Molecular Plant Genetics and Breeding, ILVO (Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research), Plant Sciences Unit- Applied Genetics and Breeding, Belgium</b>	Paper-based biosensors for diagnostics <b>Arben Merkoçi, ICREA Professor, Director of the Nanobioelectronics &amp; Biosensors Group, Catalan Institute of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (ICN2) &amp; BIST, Barcelona, Spain</b>	Next generation cell-free expression systems for synthetic biology <b>Vincent Noireaux, Associate Professor, University of Minnesota, USA</b>	
			Novel Strategies in Single Molecule Sensing <b>Binoy Paulose Nadappuram, Research Associate, Department of Chemistry, Imperial College London, UK</b>		
<p>Day 1 Closing Remarks Networking Drinks Reception</p>					



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Keynote Address: Higher therapeutic index drugs <b>Philip Day, Director of Quantitative Molecular Medicine Group and PI at Institute of Biotechnology, University of Manchester, UK</b>		Keynote Address: Reconfigurable Multi-element Diagnostics: ReMeDx <b>J. Michael Ramsey, Minnie N. Goldby Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA</b>	
Solution Provider Presentation:  <b>Polly Downton, Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Systems Microscopy Centre, Faculty of Biology, Medicine and Health</b>		Microfluidics and carbon dioxide <b>Eugenia Kumacheva, University Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Toronto, Canada</b>	Keynote Address: BioDesign and Translation in Synthetic Biology <b>Richard Kitney, Professor of Biomedical Systems Engineering, Imperial College London</b>
<b>Healthcare Case Studies</b>	<b>Plant, Food and Environmental Case Studies</b>	<b>Case Studies and Applications in Medical Research</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Synthetic Biology Congress</b>
Ultra-sensitive detection of pancreatic beta cell destruction in type 1 diabetes through absolute quantification of plasma miR-375 <b>Geert Martens, Associate Professor, Department of Clinical Biology, University Hospital Brussels, Belgium</b>	Quality Control and Technical Variance in plant qPCR analysis <b>Jose Die, Visiting Scientist, US Department of Agriculture, USA</b>	Creating Unique Flows and Functions in Microfluidics by Shaping Acoustic Forces with Phononics <b>Jon Cooper, Wolfson Chair of Bioengineering, EPSRC Fellow, ERC Advanced Investigator, University of Glasgow, UK</b>	Solution Provider Presentation <b>Charles Joseph, Product Manager, Twist Bioscience</b> 
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Solution Provider Presentation <b>Frank Bizouarn, International Field Application Specialist, Bio-Rad Laboratories</b> 	Solution Provider Presentation For sponsorship opportunities please contact Nick Best/ Gavin Hambrook at <a href="mailto:sponsorship@globalengage.co.uk">sponsorship@globalengage.co.uk</a>	Thiolene-based microfluidic devices as versatile tools for pharmaceutical applications <b>Jörg P. Kutter, Professor, Analytical Biosciences, Department of Pharmacy, University of Copenhagen, Denmark</b>	Synthetic RNA circuits in bacteria <b>Alfonso Jaramillo, Professor of Synthetic Biology, Department of Life Science, University of Warwick, UK</b>

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Healthcare Case Studies	Plant, Food and Environmental Case Studies	Case Studies and Applications in Medical Research	Synthetic Microbiology	Technology and Tool Development
<p>MiRNA profiling in disease-relevant blood cell populations and exosomes in autoimmune and inflammatory diseases  <b>Jorg Tost, Head of the Laboratory for Epigenetics and the Environment, CNG, France</b></p>	<p>Optimisation of loop-mediated amplification for single copy detection in transgenic maize using the bioluminescent assay in real-time (BART)  <b>Jim Murray, Professor and Head of Molecular Biosciences, Cardiff University, UK</b></p>	<p>Microfluidic electrochemical arrays for biosensing applications  <b>Jenny Emnéus, Professor, Department of Micro- and Nanotechnology, Technical University of Denmark</b></p>	<p>Building synthetic secondary chromosomes to understand chromosome maintenance in bacteria  <b>Torsten Waldminghaus, Professor for Synthetic Biology, LOEWE-center for Synthetic Biology, Philipps-Universität Marburg</b></p>	<p>The SiCHNOPS project: incorporating silicon in biopolymers and adding microbial lineages to an additional element  <b>Philippe Marliere, Scientific Director, Institute of Systems and Synthetic Biology, Genopole, Evry, France</b></p>
<p>Quantification of mechanically regulated mRNAs in cell, animal and human musculoskeletal tissues  <b>Debbie Mason, Reader, Cardiff University and CoPI of Arthritis Research UK Biomechanics and Bioengineering Centre, UK</b></p>	<p>Quantitative detection of methane-cycling microorganisms in environmental samples  <b>Marc Dumont, Lecturer in Soil Biology, University of Southampton, UK</b></p>	<p>Spatially controlled 3D and 2D cultures towards organs on a chip  <b>Charles Baroud, Associate Professor, École Polytechnique; Unit Head, Institut Pasteur, Paris, France</b></p>	<p>Engineering synthetic microbial communities for understanding and applications  <b>Orkun S. Soyer, Professor of Evolutionary Systems and Synthetic Biology, Co-Director of Warwick Centre for Integrative Synthetic Biology, School of Life Sciences, University of Warwick</b></p>	<p>Design and application of regulatory RNA devices, and protein-based biosensors for the optimization of cellular biotechnological processes  <b>Neil Dixon, Research Fellow, Faculty of Life Sciences, The University of Manchester, UK</b></p>
<p>Exploring the use of MSqPCR and TRECqPCR to predict suppressive function of clinical grade T regulatory (Treg) products  <b>Abigail Lamikanra, Research Project Leader, National Health Service Blood and Transplant and the Radcliffe Department of Medicine, University of Oxford, UK</b></p>	<p>Quantifying nitrogen cycle genes and transcripts in coastal sediments by qPCR  <b>Cindy Smith, Lecturer, NUI Galway, Ireland</b></p>	<p>Precision Diagnostics based on modular capillary-driven elements  <b>Emmanuel Delamarche, Research Staff Member, IBM Research - Zurich, Switzerland</b></p>	<p>Computational tools for the synthetic biology of natural products  <b>Rainer Breitling, Professor of Systems Biology, University of Manchester</b></p>	<p>Naturally-inspired engineering of biological systems  <b>Ahmad Khalil, Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering; Associate Director, Biological Design Center (BDC), Boston University</b></p>
<p>15 Minute Solution Provider Presentation  <b>Neil Mallon, Chief Scientific Officer, BJS Biotechnologies Ltd</b>  </p>	<p><b>Solution Provider Presentation</b>                      For sponsorship opportunities please contact                      Nick Best/ Gavin Hambrook at  <a href="mailto:sponsorship@globalengage.co.uk">sponsorship@globalengage.co.uk</a></p>			
Lunch				
<p>Liquid biopsies: following the tumor in real time  <b>Evi Lianidou, Professor of Analytical Chemistry, University of Athens</b></p>	<p>Standardization and Quality-Assurance in PCR based methods in the microbiology of the food chain  <b>Alexandre Leclercq, Deputy Director, National Reference Centre for Listeria and WHO Collaborating Centre for Listeria, Institut Pasteur, France</b></p>	<p>Living droplets – phenotypic and genotypic single-cell screens for antibody discovery and biomedical research  <b>Christoph Merten, Principal Investigator / Group Leader Microfluidics, Genome Biology Unit, European Molecular Biology Laboratory, Germany</b></p>	<p>Early Career Researcher Presentation: Design principles of transcription factor-based biosensors and high-throughput screening applications  <b>Solvej Siedler, Novo Nordisk Foundation Center for Biosustainability, Technical University of Denmark, Denmark</b></p>	<p>Early Career Researcher Presentation: Expanding Nature's Catalytic Repertoire – Directed evolution of artificial membranes  <b>Markus Jeschek, Bioprocess Laboratory, Synthetic Biology Group, D-BSSE ETH Zurich, Switzerland</b></p>

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Applications of qPCR in rare genetic disorders <b>Dhavendra Kumar, Professor and Lead Clinical Geneticist, The Genomic Medicine Foundation UK and University of South Wales, UK</b>	Progress and challenges of detection of foodborne viruses <b>David Rodrigues-Lazaro, Associate Professor and Head of Microbiology, University of Burgos, Spain</b>	Micro and nano structures for oral drug delivery and sensing <b>Anja Boisen, Professor, Department of Micro- and Nanotechnology, Technical University of Denmark</b>	Early Career Researcher Presentation: A RNA-based model-facilitated framework for designing generalizable genetic control systems <b>Yen-Hsiang Wang, Smolke Lab, Stanford University, USA</b>	Early Career Researcher Presentation: Systematic characterisation of synthetic gene circuits using a high-throughput microfluidic platform <b>Zoe Swank, Institute of Bioengineering, Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, Switzerland</b>
Quantitative PCR evaluations – a valuable tool for Mechanistic Inhalation Toxicology Studies <b>Emmanuel Guedj, Supervisor of Gene Expression, Philip Morris International, Switzerland</b>		Context-driven Scent: Microfluidics for Health, Wellbeing and Fashion Applications <b>Jenny Tillotson, Founder of eScent; Visiting Scholar, University of Cambridge, UK</b>	Biological Design Automation for Optimal Cell Factories <b>Giuseppe Nicosia, Associate Professor of Computer Engineering, Dept of Mathematics &amp; Computer Science, University of Catania</b>	A metabolic network for cell volume regulation <b>Bert Poolman, Professor and Director, Groningen Biomolecular Science and Biotechnology Institute, University of Groningen</b>
Detecting probiotic compliance from faecal samples <b>Nicolas Yeung, Scientist, DuPont Nutrition and Health, Finland</b>		Bottom up approach to Sample delivery for Xray Diffraction Experiments at Synchrotrons and X Fels <b>Peter Docker, Senior Mechanical Project Engineer, Diamond Light Source, UK</b>	Gene circuits for self-tuning metabolic pathways <b>Diego Oyarzun, Research Fellow in Biomathematics, Department of Mathematics, Imperial College London</b>	
			Safe use of gene drives <b>Cecile Van der Vlugt, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), Centre for Safety of Substances – Genetechnology and Biosafety</b>	
Closing Remarks & Conference Close Afternoon Refreshments				

# Summit Information

## Poster Presentations

Poster presentation sessions will take place in breaks and alongside the other breakout sessions. At the conference, your presentation will be displayed in a dedicated area, with the other accepted posters from industry and academic presenters.

We also issue a poster ebook to all attendees with your full abstract in and can share your poster as a pdf after the meeting if you desire (though completely optional if you have unpublished data or other restrictions on what you can share in a distributable format).

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