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Program

German Biotech Days

Deutsche Biotechnologietage

April 9 & 10 2025 | Heidelberg

April 15 digital partnering



April 8

Pre-registration and evening networking, *with the kind support of AGC Biologics*

April 9

10:00–11:30: ERÖFFNUNG | OPENING



11:30–13:00: Lunch Break | 11:40–12:10: Luncheons

13:00–14:10: SESSIONS

Novel Approaches to New Biologics

New biological modalities promise more precise, effective treatments and potential cures for previously untreatable diseases. The panel will explore the challenges, technologies, solutions and opportunities in this rapidly evolving field with leading experts.

BMBF – From Innovation to Application – AI as a Driver for Diagnostics and Drug Development

The symposium focuses on the use of AI in diagnostics and drug development. Three BMBF-funded projects present their approaches and findings in this area.

New Kids on the Block in Industrial Biotech – Pitches of Young Start-ups

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14:20–15:30: SESSIONS

All About Organs

We need organs not only to survive, but also have to make the best possible models of them for research and the development of therapies. The various approaches to organ replacement with different objectives are presented here.

All Grown Up? Mature Biotech Companies Present their Progress

More mature biotechnology companies present their company, recent developments, experiences and plans for the future.

BMBF – Farewell to Meat? How Alternative Proteins Could Shape Future Diets

Conventional livestock farming has a negative impact on the environment and climate. However, the demand for essential proteins is growing, not least as the world's population continues to increase. Our session „Farewell to meat? How alternative proteins could shape future diets“ will explore innovative approaches to sustainable protein production. Join us to discuss the future of sustainable protein sources

15:30–16:30: Coffee Break | 15:45–16:15: Coffeeon

16:30–17:40: SESSIONS

Innovation Prize of the Council of German Bioregions

The Council of German BioRegions (AK BioRegio) is the central expert network of Germany's local biotech industry clusters promoting innovation for biotechnology. In 2025, we will award the Innovation Prize of German BioRegions for the 18th time for outstanding proprietary research results in biotechnology and life sciences. In an interactive format, the six most innovative and promising concepts will be presented to the jury and the audience.

AI in Biotech: Great Hope or Great Hype?

If you believe numerous reports, expert lectures and newspaper articles, AI is the holy grail of biotechnology. Others are a little more sober and say, hey, big deal, we've been doing this for a long time, it's called computational biology. How much more can we expect from the combination of AI and biotech? Who will benefit most?

Manufacturing at Scale: What are the Challenges for Industrial Biotech

In industrial biotechnology, everyone talks about scale-up and the lack of money for it. Why is the leap from pilot scale to larger production volumes difficult and why is it so hard to get money for it? Experts give an insight into the sometimes-rocky road from lab to market for biobased products.

17:40–18:15: AWARD CEREMONY (Innovation Prize of German BioRegions)

19:00: NETWORKING RECEPTION

April 10

8:00–9:00: BREAKFAST SESSIONS

9:15–10:45: PLENUM



10:45–11:15: Coffee Break

11:15–12:15: SESSIONS

Diagnostics enabling Personalized Medicine

Diagnosis before therapy is the basis of medicine. And the toolbox of diagnostics has been continuously expanding since the decoding of the human genome. It is becoming increasingly possible to predict which therapies will be effective and to monitor disease progression. In this symposium, we will look at the potential of modern molecular biological analysis for personalized medicine.

Treasure Hunt – How BD helps Multinationals to Innovate

It goes without saying that the pharmaceutical industry has a great interest and need in external innovation. After a period in which very early developments were also purchased or licensed, there is now a shift back to more mature projects. Business developers discuss how to strategically position partnering in the future.

EU Biotech Act: Challenges and Chances for a Sustainable and Innovative Europe

The EU Commission positively surprised the industry in spring 2024 by launching a counterpart to the US Biotech and Bio-manufacturing Initiative. The EU Biotech Act is due to come in 2025. What can this act do for the industry? What should the Act encompass in order warrant that Europe stays competitive with biotechnology?

12:15–13:45: Lunch Break | 12:50–13:20: Luncheons

13:45–14:45: SESSIONS

The Power of Living Therapeutics

Living therapeutics are treatments that are broadly defined as human and microbial living cells that are selected, modified, or engineered to treat or cure disease. This symposium will showcase examples of living therapeutics developed for various indications.

Secrets of Success in Venture Capital

When to invest, how much to invest and in whom? What characterizes a promising company? What are the most important criteria for investing and have these changed in the past years? Venture capitalists discuss their strategies to cope with the competition and the development potential of their portfolio biotech start-ups.

Turbo-Boost for Enzymes: Optimizing Nature for Industrial Applications

Enzymes have been optimized by evolution over millions of years to work in their natural environment. Thanks to genetic engineering and directed evolution, however, enzymes can be further improved for use in biotechnological processes. Examples of such improvements are presented here.

14:55–15:55: SESSIONS

Fit as a Fiddle? Ageing and Longevity

The fountain of youth has been a great promise for centuries. But it is only in recent decades that the biomedical understanding of why we age has become much more precise. Can biotechnology really help us to stay young and vital for longer? Which approaches are promising?

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The Future of Bioplastic in Europe

Bioplastic has several advantages to fossil-based plastic when it comes to protecting the climate and our environment. Nevertheless, prices are not competitive and scale-up happens elsewhere, not in Europe. What needs to change so that European bioplastic can also be developed, produced and marketed here?

NETWORKING AND DEPARTURE

April 15

Digital Partnering Day

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