

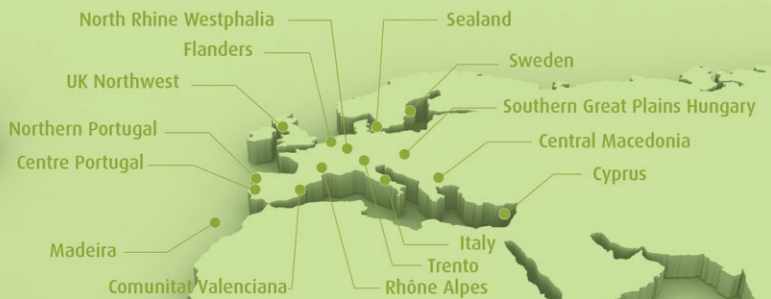
Healthcare Biotech Forum

Rome, Italy
30 & 31 March 2009

Partnering for Global Excellence

- * Global Corporations
- * Fast Growing Companies
- * Leading Research labs
- * Investors and Experts
- * Top Speakers
- * Partnering Presentations
- * One2One Meetings

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Biotechnology for healthcare remains the key driver behind new therapeutics and diagnostics. It is critical that researchers and early stage companies are effective, with technologies and business strategies that meet the needs of patients in a format that allows fast transition into the pharma and diagnostics pipeline.. i-techpartner meetings help to accelerate the transfer of high class technology into effective businesses and showcase them to the partners that they need for success.

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BENEFITS

The FREE OF CHARGE Healthcare Biotech Forum offers a unique setting with pan-European networking for top researchers, entrepreneurs, investors, large pharma and experts from the biotechnology and pharmaceutical sectors. This is a unique opportunity to connect with the whole value chain of healthcare biotech innovation, from bench to clinic.

Researchers and young innovative companies have the opportunity to develop and showcase their technology and business models in front of investors and development partners with the added potential to qualify for high profile investment contests in 2009.

Participants will be able to:

- Gain access to European business applications, research and investment
- Present their research and business models for expert coaching and assessment
- Build collaborations and business opportunities throughout the technology innovation value chain
- Meet one2one with specific R&D leaders, entrepreneurs, experts or investors
- Be a part of Europe's innovation elite in the biotechnology healthcare sector and help shape the future of the industry

**UNIQUE PROGRAMME**

The programme of the Healthcare Biotech Forum has been designed to enable knowledge exchange and business collaboration as well as to build an innovation network throughout Europe within the biotech and pharma sector. Its unique set-up allows business networking at the highest level, from high level panels and in-depth discussion groups via presentations from R&D organisations, corporations and from fast growing companies to private, pre-arranged one2one meetings for serious business.

In short, the Forum offers:

- Partnering for R&D leaders, entrepreneurs, investors and corporations
- Highly-specialised, structured R&D and business presentations with direct feedback from experts
- Pre-arranged one2one meetings to facilitate technology transfer and business cooperation
- Roundtable discussions on cutting edge topics with top global specialists
- Ample networking time and space to make new contacts and follow-up existing ones
- Additional networking at the informal and fun dinner

**HEALTHCARE
BIOTECHNOLOGY
SECTORS**

The forum includes all business-opportunities within Healthcare Biotechnology. It welcomes all technology platforms (from proteomics to ICT) applied into all healthcare areas (from oncology to CNS diseases).

- Advanced Therapies (including cell and tissue therapies, stem cells and gene therapy)
- Rare diseases and orphan medicines
- Proteomics
- Pharmacogenetics
- Diagnostics
- Genetic testing
- Oncology

**CORPORATIONS,
EXPERTS & INVESTORS**

Successful technology transfer of R&D to the market remains a challenge throughout Europe, not least because lack of funding, complex intellectual property rights and a fragmented European market.

Corporations are invited to present technology needs and innovations to R&D laboratories and fast growing companies.

Some 100 leading Healthcare Biotechnology experts, investors and corporate representatives will expand their network and share their knowledge with R&D organisations and entrepreneurs in order to successfully apply innovative technologies for the use in today's clinical and pharmaceutical markets by supporting high growth companies to become world leaders in their field.

ENTREPRENEURS

Entrepreneurship, one of the most important factors in economic development, is critical in transferring applied R&D to the market.

Innovation needs high growth businesses to take on the risks of entering new markets with unconventional product and service offerings with the potential of being the next break through technology.

The Healthcare Biotech Forum will allow those fast growing companies to source new technologies, build partnerships with R&D organisations and technology corporations as well as to find growth finance from international investors.

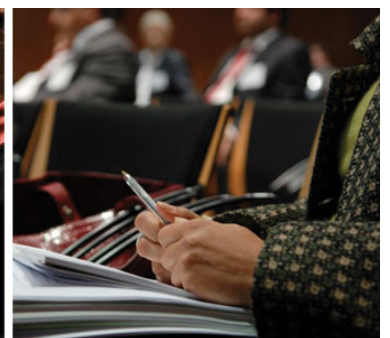
**R & D
LABORATORIES
& TECH TRANSFER**

The Healthcare Biotech Forum will showcase cutting edge applied R&D from leading Universities and other research organisations across Europe.

There will be around 30 research laboratories presenting their most advanced R&D projects to international investors, corporations and entrepreneurs in order to facilitate knowledge exchange and accelerate time to market.

Some of the R&D leaders who have participated in i-techpartner fora to date:

- Porto University (PT)
- Minho University (PT)
- Aveiro University (PT)
- Coimbra University (PT)
- Madeira University (PT)
- Manchester University (UK)
- Swedish Defence Research Agency (SE)
- Szeged University (HU)
- SwedCat (SE)
- Road Agency Sweden (SE)
- Rhône-Alpes Numérique (FR)
- INP Grenoble (FR)
- LSR Grenoble (FR)
- Catholic University Leuven (BE)
- Antwerp University (BE)
- Free University Brussels (BE)
- Liverpool University (UK)
- Valencia University (ESP)
- Murcia University (ESP)
- Alicante University (ESP)
- Trento University (IT)
- Roskilde University,
- Risoe/DTU
- Green Centre,
- CAT Science Park
- Proton Europe



Forum Day 1 – 30 March 2009

09:00	Registration & Networking Coffee		
09:30	Welcome & Opening Speech Ezio Andreta, APRE		
09:45	Keynote Speech Flaminia Saccà, FILAS		
10:15	Discussion session I The future for applied healthcare research		
	Coffee Break		
11:45	Presentations: Pharmaceutical companies Pharma companies present their needs and challenges and how healthcare biotechnology is part of the solution (parallel sessions)		One2One Meetings
2:45	Networking Lunch		
14:30	SME & Researchers and receive feedback from Expert Reviewers	Companies and researchers present their business and receive feedback from Expert Reviewers	Workshop: The Seventh Framework Programme and SM-BIO POWER: funding opportunities for SMEs in the Biomedical sector
15:30	Coffee Break		
16:00	The tech transfer gap – what challenges remain and how do we address them?		
7:00	Closing for the Day William Stevens - Europe Unlimited		

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12:30	Keynote Speech Maria Cristina Pedicchio, CBM			
13:30	Closing Claire Skentelbery, Europe Unlimited			

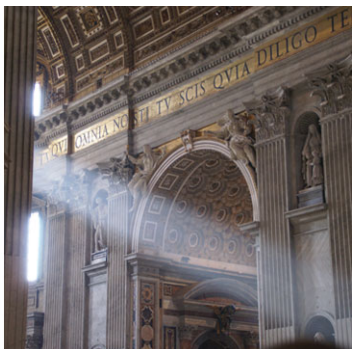


**WELCOME TO
ROME**

Rome is the capital city of Italy and Lazio and is Italy's largest and most populous city, with 2,705,317 residents, an urban area of 3,457,690 as well as a metropolitan area of 4,013,057 inhabitants spread over a 5,352 km² area. It is located in the central-western portion of the Italian peninsula, on the Tiber river.

Rome's history as a city spans over two and a half thousand years, as one of the founding cities of Western Civilization. Even outside of the history of the Roman Empire, Rome has a significant place in the story of Christianity up to the present day, for it endures as the home of the papacy. The worldwide Roman Catholic Church is administered from the Vatican City, run by the Holy See as an independent enclave and the world's smallest sovereign state.

Today, Rome is a modern, cosmopolitan city, and the third most-visited tourist destination in the European Union. Due to its influence in politics, media, the arts and culture, Rome has been described as a global city. As one of the few major European cities that escaped World War II relatively unscathed, central Rome remains essentially Renaissance and Baroque in character. The historic centre of Rome is listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. The city, which is globally perceived as the second most exciting and attractive city in the world, attracts over 26 million tourists per year.



VENUE The Healthcare Biotech Forum will take place at

Hotel Quirinale

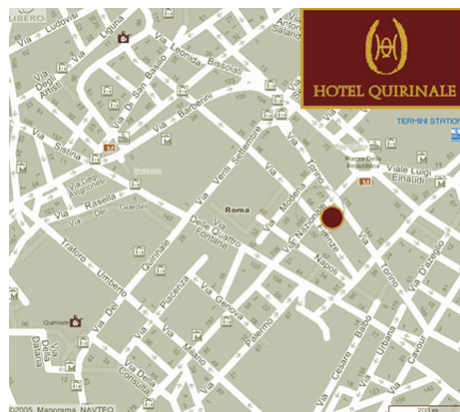
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