Investor Day + Evening Discussion & Networking Cocktail

"BiomedUp: investment in life science startups"

On Wednesday, March 12th, from 09:00 – 21:00, Geneva biotech campus

How can Angel investors support life science start-ups with capital, expertise?

Switzerland is a hot-bed for the development of life sciences technologies and ranked first in the INSEAD Global Innovation Index 2012. However, the financing opportunities for life science startups has eroded, as described in Ernst&Young Pulse of the industry report 2013. Venture capital investment was down 21% in 2012-13 to its lowest level in more than a decade. The Swiss Commission for Technology and Innovation, SECA and CTI-Invest are encouraging private investment from Business Angels to fill the gap. We will address these opportunities and challenges during three sessions.

Who should attend?
Those interested in accessing Angel Funding for start-ups? Those interested to co-invest with experienced Life Science Angel Investor and/or Mentor? Those who want to network with startups in and business angels in Suisse Romande.

Join the session that suits your interest

09-12h Morning investor education session


13-17h Afternoon pitching session

Pitches by 8 promising start-up seeking financing. Demonstration area during registration and cocktail.

18-21h Evening Panel Discussion

Attend presentations from experts including:
Angelo De Rosa, Director, Strategy & Business Development at Medtronic, Benoît Dubuis, Director Wyss Center for Bio and Neuroengineering, Frank Kumli, Ernst & Young Healthcare practice.

Ask your questions to a panel discussion featuring highly successful entrepreneurs: Nicolas Durand, Founder at Abionic, Jacques Essinger, Chairman at Symetis, Andrea Pfeifer, CEO and Chairman of AC Immune SA, Jean-Pierre Rosat, CEO at Aleva Neurotherapeutics, Jean-Marc Wismer, CEO Sensimed. Moderated by Nafida Bendali, Investor relations consultant in life sciences.
Where: Main Auditorium - Geneva Biotech Campus, Sécheron Geneva

Chemin des Mines 9, 1202 Geneva. Public transport recommended: City Bus from Geneva main railway station (Gare Cornavin), Bus no: 1 & 25, Direction: Jardin Botanique, Bus stop: Mines.

Price: 50 CHF (Early bird before 17.02.2014) / 75 CHF (NSEAD IAA & EPFL Alumni Members), 100 CHF (Non Members & Guests)

Registration online - http://de.amiando.com/BiomedUp

Discover the Geneva Biotech Campus

The event will be hosted at the new Biotechnology Campus Geneva located at the former Serono headquarters in Geneva. The project is managed by EPFL and the University of Geneva (UNIGE). It includes the Wyss Center for Bio and Neuroengineering, a Biomedical Center, and an innovation square, all supported by Hansjörg Wyss and the Bertarelli family.

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About A3 Angels

A3 Angels was founded in 2008 by EPFL alumni to support technology entrepreneurs in Suisse Romande. We match mentors and investors with young entrepreneurs. In 5 years we supported over 30 startups, creating 250 jobs by contributing to 15 million CHF seed investment and over 2000 of mentoring by volunteers. Our mentoring service is based on the successful MIT Venture Mentoring service. Our investor education services have benefited over 200 new business angels in Switzerland. Our monthly networking events have attracted over 900 participants over 5 years.

About INSEAD Healthcare Alumni Network

The INSEAD Healthcare Alumni Network serves the interests of the more than 2000 alumni working in the healthcare industry and associated fields. It is our mission to encourage networking and discussion on healthcare topics across geographic boundaries and industry subsectors.

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