

# CareerEXP 2018

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## Career Event for Life Sciences students and graduates

9th March, Campus St. Jean d'Angely UNS  
Rue du 22ieme B.c.à. Building 1  
**Nice, France**

Keynote talks  
Discussion panels  
Workshops  
Networking  
Career guide

Research in industry  
Academic transition  
Pharma  
Biotech  
Consulting

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# Program

8.30	<b>Registration</b>		8.30
9.00	<b>Opening</b>		9.00
9.15	<b>Keynote Talk</b>		9.15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Klaus Seuwen, Executive Director: <b>Career Path in Industry</b></li> <li>● Caroline Gubser Keller, Hub Leader: <b>Biomedical Research in Industry: Impacting Drug Discovery for Spinal Muscular Atrophy</b></li> </ul>		
10.20	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Networking</b>		10.20
10.40	<b>Panel Discussion 1: Research in Industry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Klaus Seuwen, Executive director</li> <li>● Caroline Gubser Keller, Hub Leader</li> <li>● Emilie Serres, Project Manager</li> <li>● Daniel Best, Senior Scientist</li> </ul> <u>Chair:</u> Tomás de Garay	<b>Morning workshop session 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● W 1: CV &amp; recruiting interview for industry</li> <li>● W 2: How to fail your career after a PhD?</li> </ul>	10.40
12.00	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b>	<b>Morning workshop session 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● W 1: CV &amp; recruiting interview for industry</li> <li>● W 2: How to fail your career after a PhD?</li> </ul>	12.00
		<b>Afternoon workshop session 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● W 3: How to boost your career after PhD</li> <li>● W 4: Women in Industry</li> <li>● W 5: No formalities, just a huge generator of ideas</li> </ul>	13.00
14.00	<b>Guest Talk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Incubator PACA EST: <b>Entrepreneurship after the PhD</b></li> </ul>	<b>Afternoon workshop session 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● W 3: How to boost your career after PhD</li> <li>● W 4: Women in Industry</li> <li>● W 5: No formalities, just a huge generator of ideas</li> </ul>	14.00
14.45			14.45
15.00	<b>Panel discussion 2: Business Careers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Botond Cseh, Consultant</li> <li>● Jack O'Sullivan, Business Development Executive</li> <li>● Miguel C. Monteiro, Business Partner</li> <li>● Arnaud Foussat, Operating Partner</li> <li>● Nikita Lukianets, Founder and CTO</li> </ul> <u>Chair:</u> Racha Fayad		15.00
16.20	<b>Presentation Pitch</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Demola Côte d'Azur: <b>Introducing PhDs to Innovative Thinking to Solve Industry Challenges</b></li> </ul>		16.20
16.35	<b>Closure</b>		16.35
16.45	<b>Wine &amp; Cheese &amp; Networking</b>		16.45

# Additional Information

## Invited Speakers

## Amphitheatre 2

- **Daniel Best, PhD** - Senior Scientist @Sygnature Discovery, UK
- **Botond Cseh, PhD** - Consultant, @Winnovation Consulting, Austria
- **Arnaud Foussat, PhD** - Operating partner @Advent France Biotechnology, France
- **Caroline Gubser Keller, PhD** - Computational Biology Hub Leader @Novartis, Switzerland
- **Nikita Lukianets, MBA** – Founder & CTO @PocketConfidant AI, France
- **Miguel C. Monteiro, PhD (alumni) MBA** - Business Partner @MSD Santé Animale, France
- **Jack O'Sullivan, PhD** – Business Development Executive @Cheeky Scientist Association, USA
- **Emilie Serres, PhD (alumni)** - Project Manager @Median Technologies, France
- **Klaus Seuwen, PhD** - Executive director @Novartis, Switzerland

## Workshops \*

## Rooms 209, 211, 212

- Workshop 1: **CV & recruiting interview for industry**  
By **Arnaud Foussat, PhD** - Operating partner @Advent France Biotechnology, France
- Workshop 2: **How to fail your career after a PhD?**  
By **Stephane Buttigieg, PhD** - deputy CEO @Institut Louis Bachelier & founder of Connect Angel, France
- Workshop 3: **How to boost your career after PhD,**  
By **Romain Veyan** – HR Consultant @Adoc Talent Management, France
- Workshop 4: **Women in Industry: how equality of opportunities is developing and what the reality looks like at present?**  
By **Caroline Gubser Keller, PhD** - Computational Biology Hub Leader @Novartis, Switzerland  
and **Klaus Seuwen, PhD** - Executive director @Novartis, Switzerland
- Workshop 5: **No formalities, just a huge generator of ideas**  
**Phillippe Agnelli** @The Shared Brain, France

\*Registration required



## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Klaus Seuwen, PhD**  
Executive Director Novartis  
Institute for Biomedical  
Research, Basel, CH

**Klaus Seuwen** is an experienced leader and senior biologist with a PhD from the University of Konstanz. Klaus is specialised in drug discovery and drug development in the pharmaceutical industry. Over the years at Novartis, he has led efforts directed at understanding new G-protein coupled receptors (GPCRs) identified by genome data mining and establishing their physiological role.



**Caroline Gubser Keller, PhD**  
Team Leader, Novartis  
Institute for Biomedical  
Research, Basel, CH

**Caroline Gubser Keller** is an experienced bioinformatician and senior biologist with a PhD from the Oxford University. She works in a highly interdisciplinary environment bridging technology, computer science and research. Caroline is also passionate about linking clinical features and phenotypes to underlying molecular events.



**Incubateur PACA-Est** is a business incubator working with start-up entrepreneurs. It supports them and offer many tailored and collective services. They will provide an overview of the entrepreneurship landscape and the local and global opportunities in the field.



## SPEAKERS



**Daniel Best, PhD**, is a Senior Scientist at Sygnature Discovery, in Nottingham, UK. After his PhD, he gathered extensive postdoctoral experience before transitioning into industry. With 10+ years as organic chemist, he his expertise ranges from drug discovery to process optimization, in close contact with biology and medical experts. He strongly believes an integrative or holistic approach to research is the road to progress.



**Botond Cseh, PhD**, is a Consultant at Winnovation Consulting in Vienna. As a postdoctoral representative in Max F. Perutz Laboratories in Vienna, he started many initiatives to improve the careers of early stage researchers. During his last year as a postdoc, he got acquainted with Open Innovation methods in science, which prompted him to leave academia and work on user-driven projects in the private sector.



**Miguel Monteiro, PhD**, is a Business Partner at MSD Santé Animale France in Nice. Miguel is a multilingual MBA and PhD in molecular and cell biology, with experience in international oncology drug market research, scientific research, and marketing and sales in international health and nutrition companies. He holds both PhD from University Nice-Sophia Antipolis and an MBA from EDHEC Business School.



## SPEAKERS



**Jack O'Sullivan, PhD**, has a PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, from the University College Dublin. Following his PhD, Jack has done a short post-doc before landing in 2016 a technical sales position as Area Sales Manager with Triple Red, London, where he honed his commercial skills to develop new business for the company. He strongly believes in helping Life Sciences graduates during their transition into non-academic careers, so he has recently left Triple Red to join the Cheeky Scientist Association as Business Development Executive.



**Emilie Serres, PhD**, is a Project Manager at Median Technologies in Nice. Emily has dual competency in scientific and management skills that help her to evaluate project potential and reach optimal performance and quality objectives. She is a project manager at Median Technologies where she manages customer's clinical projects, customer communication and project follow-up.



**Nikita Lukianets** has an MBA degree in Innovation Management and a technical background in the fields of applied physics and neuroscience, along with more than 15 years of experience in the IT sector. He has changed several hats from being a software designer, a data scientist, an entrepreneur, a mentor in several incubators and a manager of the start-up support program at Microsoft. Nikita sees his role in facilitating individual and organizational change through design and technology.



# WORKSHOPS

## Workshop 1: CV/interview for industry



**Arnaud Foussat, PhD**, is an Operating Partner at Advent France Biotechnology in Paris. He has a PhD in immunology and for many years he worked at TxCell, a company in Nice area which develops unique cellular immunotherapy platforms for the treatment of severe autoimmune and inflammatory diseases. Arnaud's recommendations highlight a strong sense of clinical professionalism he brought to the TxCell team and a large contribution in aligning TxCell technology with high standards of regulatory compliance and clinical feasibility. He has experience as director of research and development, chief scientific officer, new products and corporate development and management.

### **Workshop description**

In the job market the first impression matters. Your CV and the way you approach a recruiting interview will determine that first impression you give to the hiring manager. Arnaud Foussat will cover CV and interview effective strategies for job hunting in industry: how to tailor them for your industry desired position, the differences with an academic CV what mistakes to avoid and how to sell yourself during an interview.

Bring your CV to get the chance of a professional advice!

## Workshop 2: How to fail your career after a PhD?



**Stephane Buttigieg, PhD**, is the deputy CEO of Institut Louis Bachelier & founder of Connect Angel, in Paris. He has a PhD in economy and extensive experience as entrepreneur. The obstacles he faced when he launched his first start-up, made him even keener to meet success. He is interested in research, innovation, finance climate, new uses of data and much more. His empathy, enthusiasm and ability to create long-term relationships of trust, brought him to the exploration of a new subject: linking his contacts to share their expertise and experience.

### **Workshop description**

The defense of a thesis is a marathon, a complex exercise that requires mobilizing a variety of skills and developing new ones. It is also the end of a supervised course where the objectives were clear: to do experiments, to write, publish, defend...and thus the beginning of a new professional adventure, where priorities have to be established and some renunciations need to be made. Briefly, engaging decisions will be identified. Should you continue to work in scientific research? In the academic or in the private sector? Or maybe you should change jobs?

These are all uncertainty factors that can be the source of fear or inertia if we do not have tools to define the cap and adapt constantly. Through feedback, Stéphane will offer tips about how to define your professional project making use of your own skills, in such a way that each decision you take is not a painful experience, but on the contrary, a step towards your success.



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### Workshop 3: How to boost your career after PhD?



**Romain Veyan** is Recruitment Consultant at Adoc Talent Management in Paris. Romain has studies on professional development counseling and, since 2011, through his experiences in France and United Kingdom, he has developed a great HR expertise, including recruitment campaign management, career coaching and HR diagnostics. He joined the recruitment division of Adoc Talent Management in October 2017, to strengthen the business and bring his skills to the recruitment of PhDs, scientific experts and senior managers in all areas of innovation.

#### **Workshop description**

This workshop aims at providing tips to young PhD's holders in how to start their job research. How to talk about the PhD and the value of the acquired skills and knowledge? How to translate these skills into what is expected from employers?

We will put on use methods to learn how to sell yourself as PhD, as well as how to identify matching opportunities. All the participants will be invited to discuss on their targeted jobs and how they take the place on the job market.

### Workshop 4: “Women in Industry: how equality of opportunities is developing and what the reality looks like at present?” ,\_Klaus Seuwen and Caroline Gubser Keller



#### **Workshop description**

“In the professions there are still to face the old questions of restriction of opportunity, of equal work for unequal pay, as well as the new and larger question of the way in which new power acquired by women through the removal of educational and social barriers may be most easily turned to social ends.”

This quote from a 1909 publication by Edith Abboth, PhD (Women in industry) appears surprisingly modern. In this workshop we'll discuss the current situation with respect to women's access to leadership roles in industry, notably for research and development positions.



# WORKSHOPS

## Workshop 5: No formalities, just a huge generator of ideas”, The Shared Brain



**Philippe Agnelli** is a serial entrepreneur, a real estate expert and a city hacker. He holds a patent for a mobile phone-based payment system. Having a strong interest in informatics, e-commerce and more recently in wealth management, he created several companies related to these sectors. Today he uses most of his time and experience to help other entrepreneurs to create and develop their business, through The Shared Brain, where the collective intelligence used with benevolence makes it possible to overcome any blocks.

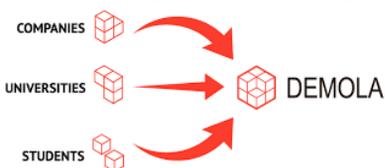
### **Workshop description**

Business success is based on offering an efficient solution to an existent problem. There are a lot of business opportunities out there, but the key bottleneck is at the early development step. The Shared Brain will guide you through a collective brainstorming process to come up with solutions and turn them into a successful business model. Together, we will go through the steps of problem identification, idea definition, business model selection and resource assessment on a given case. Choose this workshop if you are interested in innovative strategies in brainstorming and collective thinking. Sharing is solving!



## DEMOLA Program Presentation

# DEMOLA



Demola offers university students a unique opportunity to add some real-life twist into the conventional path towards a career. At Demola, you will work on a project with a multidisciplinary team solving real-life cases together with partner companies. And yes, it's all part of your degree program. Demola team will present the program, recently established at Université Côte d'Azur, and how to apply for future editions.

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# USEFUL INFORMATION



9th March, 9h



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Lines 14/27 and 20. Bus stop "Saint Jean d'Angely".



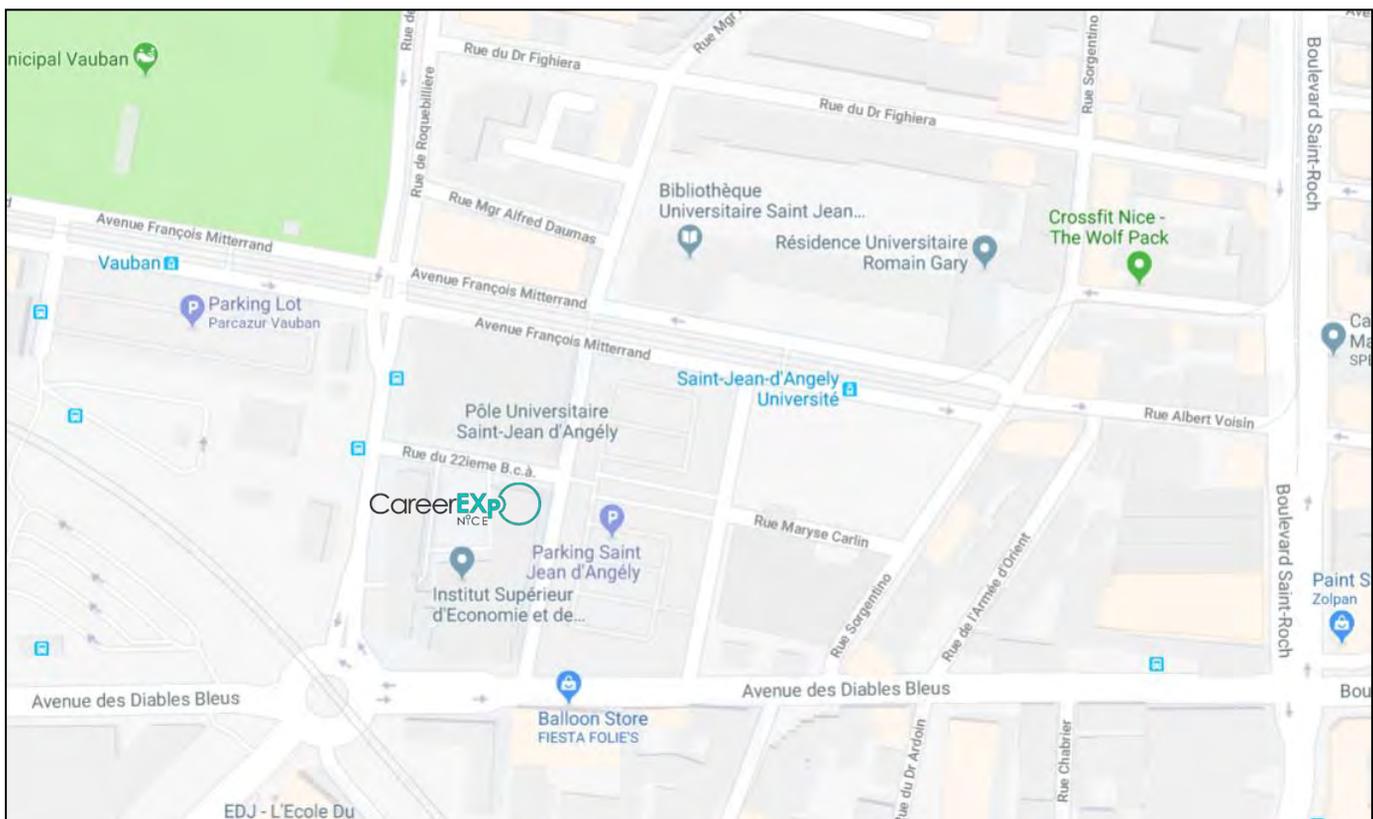
Line T1. Tram stop "Saint Jean d'Angely"



Train station "Riquier"



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# ORGANISING TEAM



Sanya is PhD student at Institute for Research on Cancer and Aging, Nice, France. After completing master thesis at Max F. Perutz Laboratories in Vienna, Sanya entered Signalife Labex international PhD program to pursue her scientific goals. Most of the time she is deciphering the role of tumor microenvironment in chemoresistance of cancer cells. Rest of the time she devoted to empowering young researchers through a student association "Integration for Graduates in Biology" – IGBio, where she acts as a president.

**Sanya-Eduarda Kuzet**



Tomás is a final-year PhD student at Institute for Research on Cancer and Aging, (Nice, France) funded by the Signalife Labex international PhD program. His research focuses on the impact of transcriptional regulation on cell-environment interaction. Thrived by problem solving and social challenges, he is currently interested in the social impact niche at the interphase of Life Sciences research and industry. In his free time he has collaborated with a number of educational and student associations to promote critical thinking and open-mindedness in youngsters and adults alike.

**Tomás de Garay**



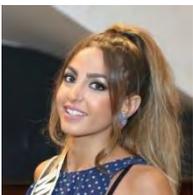
Auréa is a final-year PhD student working at LP2M institute in Nice, France. After completing her master thesis in Paris, she secured a PhD position in an academic lab co-funded by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research and Pronutri laboratories (CIFRE). Her work on cell and molecular mechanisms involved in chemotherapy-induced side effects was therefore developed in close collaboration with the private sector. Moreover, she has shown a strong interest in the student community and transversal topics through the founding of IGBio student association and she currently holds the presidency of Association des Jeunes Chercheurs du 06.

**Auréa Cophignon**



Patrícia is a PhD student at the Institute of Biology Valrose, Nice, France. Her PhD project is dedicated to the study of polarized growth in the human fungal pathogen *Candida albicans* and is sponsored by the Marie Curie Program FungiBrain. Patrícia will move to London following her PhD defense, in May, to pursue a career in Life Sciences Consulting. She has joined the CareerExpo organizing team with the intent to raise awareness on the variety of industry careers available for graduates in Life Sciences.

**Patrícia Silva**



Racha is a Signalife PhD student at the Intitute of Molecular & Cellular Pharmacology, working on the growth and progression of an aggressive Breast Cancer subtype. She is excited about organizing this CareerEXPO. She believes that a lot of transferrable skills are acquired during a PhD and this event will be an important first step that young researchers should take if they want to get to the Buisness World.

**Racha Fayad**



Gaia is a third year PhD student at Institute for Research on Cancer and Aging (Nice, France), selected for a PhD fellowship in the Labex SIGNALIFE international PhD program. She is currently working on the influence of amino acid deprivation on miRNA biogenesis and liver development, and its metabolic failure in the context of Type 2 Diabetes. She is a curious, open-minded scientist, not only enthusiast for scientific research, but also ready to step out of her confort zone and broaden her knowledge in different research contexts.

**Gaia Fabris**



Ramona has recently completed her PhD in molecular and cellular biology, with a thesis on cellular factors controlling a human mobile genetic element, funded by Signalife Labex international PhD program. Always open to dynamic and challenging environments, she is a business-oriented scientist, with regulatory affairs experience in big pharma and an enthusiast of science consultancy and communication. The main interest remains the application of research discoveries with clear results for the real world.

**Ramona Galantonu**

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