

Shaping tomorrow: Biotechnology for Health, Food, Energy, Environment

28 June 2026	Opening ceremony Jérôme Van Biervliet <i>Managing Director VIB</i>			
	Plenary lectures Catherine Feuillet <i>Inari Agriculture, USA</i> Hyung Joon Cha <i>Pohang University of Science and Technology, South Korea</i>			
29 June 2026	Keynote lectures Stream 1 Innovations for healthy living Symposium 1: Biopharmaceuticals, vaccines and bioprocessing <i>Stefan Schmidt, Evitria, Switzerland</i> Symposium 5: Cell and gene therapies <i>Mercedes Segura, Editas Medicine, USA</i>	Stream 2 Solutions for a sustainable planet Symposium 2: Phytoremediation <i>Helena Freitas, University of Coimbra, Portugal</i> Symposium 6: Combating contaminants with Bacteria and Archaea <i>Rosa Martinez Espinosa, University of Alicante, Spain</i>	Stream 3 Manufacturing with microbes Symposium 3: Transport, metabolism & systems biology <i>Isabel Rocha, ITQB NOVA, Portugal</i> Symposium 7: Emerging tools for metabolic engineering and SynBio <i>Marjan De May, University of Ghent, Belgium</i>	Stream 4 Feeding the planet Symposium 4: Gene editing for crop improvement <i>Holger Puchta, JKIP Karlsruhe, Germany</i> Symposium 8: Developing stress resilient crops <i>Salma Balazadeh, University of Leiden, The Netherlands</i>
	Plenary lecture Molly Stevens <i>University of Oxford, UK</i>			
30 June 2026	Symposium 9: Nanobiomedicine <i>Chantal Pichon, University of Orleans, France</i> Symposium 13: Green biopharmaceuticals <i>Julian Ma, St George's University of London, UK</i> Plenary lecture Claus Crone Fuglsang <i>Novonosis, Denmark</i>	Symposium 10: Sustainable biogeochemical cycles <i>Jana Milucka, MPI Bremen, Germany</i> Symposium 14: Bioenergy and bioelectricity <i>Tom Clarke, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK</i>	Symposium 11: Prokaryotic cell factories <i>Kaspar Valgepea, University of Tartu, Estonia</i> Symposium 15: Eukaryotic microbial cell factories <i>Nico Callewaert, VIB/University of Ghent, Belgium</i>	Symposium 12: Novel crops design <i>Edwin Van der Vossen, Solynta, The Netherlands</i> Symposium 16: Soil as a living system <i>Sofie Goormachtig, VIB/University of Ghent, Belgium</i>
1 July 2026	Symposium 17: Biosensors <i>Arben Merkoçi, ICN2 Barcelona, Spain</i> Symposium 21: Microbiome and health <i>Jeroen Raes, KU Leuven, Belgium</i>	Symposium 18: Sustainable food and feed alternatives <i>Kevin Verstrepen, VIB-KU Leuven Center for Microbiology, Belgium</i> Symposium 22: Biotechnology solutions for new critical materials <i>Boris Zimmermann, Norwegian University of Life Sciences</i>	Symposium 19: Bioprocess engineering, valorisation and upcycling <i>Nick Wierckx, Forschungszentrum Jülich, Germany</i> Symposium 23: Polymers and bioengineered materials <i>M. Auxiliadora Prieto, CSIC-Madrid, Spain</i>	Symposium 20: New food landscape <i>Mark Post, CSO Mosa Meat, The Netherlands</i> Symposium 24: Sustainable strategies in agriculture <i>Camila Levy, Rovensa Next, Spain</i>
	Plenary lecture Filip Meysman <i>University of Antwerp, Belgium</i>			