

# Healthy Ideas Healthy Returns



## HIHR-12 & EIT Health Investor event Programme

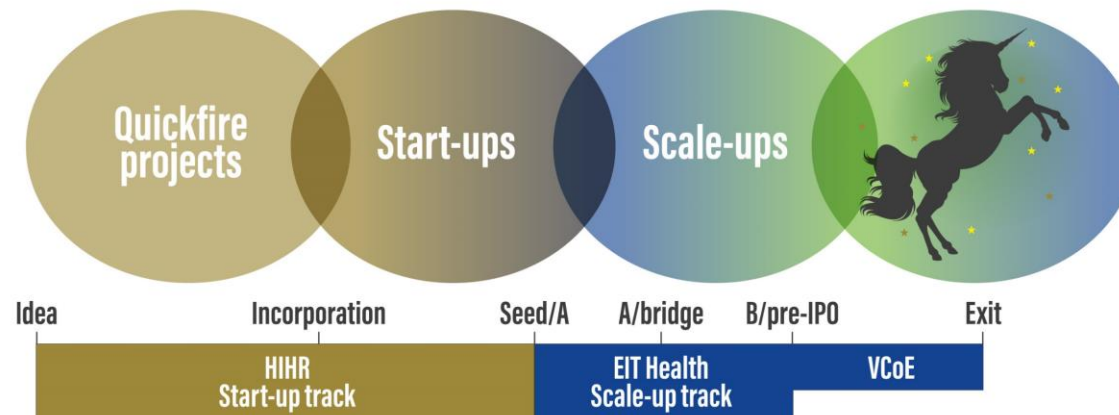
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# HIHR and EIT Health pitch programme - May 31, 2023

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## Programme

09.00 *Welcome coffee*

10.00 **Healthy Ideas, Healthy Returns** 12<sup>th</sup> edition

*Opening* by the moderator - **Jeff Skinner**, Teaching Fellow, London Business School

*Welcome* - **Clemens Ostrowicz**, Chair HIHR / Team Leader Innovation and Partnering, University of Luxembourg - LCSB

*J&J Innovation recap* – **Tessy Korthout**, R&D Innovation scout - The Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson

HIHR Pitch & Q&A session I (projects listed at page 5)

Expert session on *The Future of IT and Health* - **Pieter Meysman**, sr researcher U Antwerp

11.40 *Coffee break*

12.00 HIHR Pitch & Q&A session II

13.05 *Lunch*

14.15 **EIT Health Investor Lounge**

*Short Intro* - **Menno Kok**, Managing Director EIT Health Belgium & the Netherlands

*Invest Health success stories* - **Magda Krakowiak**, Director of Business Creation EIT Health

EIT Health Pitch & Q&A session I (projects listed at page 6)

15.10 *Break*

15.30 EIT Health Pitch & Q&A session II

*Creating value for everybody in the room* – discussion with panel and audience lead by **Jeff Skinner**

16.30 *Networking drinks & bites*

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*Healthy Returns*



## HIHR pitch sessions – Start up pitches

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### HIHR Pitch & Q&A session I

*APEX Vision, Perfect sight, shaped to you*

**Bert van den Bogerd**, CEO - MedTech & Diagnostics, U Antwerp

*TriGenLys, Phage Lysins - a novel class of enzyme-based antibiotics*

**Yves Briers**, co-founder - Therapeutics & Biotech, U Ghent

*Ironix, A Ferroptosis Therapeutics Spin-off*

**Tom Vanden Berghe**, Founder - Therapeutics & Biotech, U Antwerp

*SLAM Ortho, Sensor system supporting trauma surgeons that treat patients with fractures*

**Just Schornagel**, co-founder and CEO - MedTech & Diagnostics, YES! Delft

### HIHR Pitch & Q&A session II

*SparXells™, "Igniting Immunity"*

**Karim Vermaelen**, co-founder, CSO/SMO - Therapeutics & Biotech, U Ghent - alumni pitch, including a 5 minute address on his start-up journey

*Ayuvant, Empowering immune immune system for fighting cancer*

**Lucas Czentner**, co-founder/CEO - Therapeutics & Biotech, U Utrecht

*Linksight, Create collaborative insights together, without sharing sensitive data!*

**Martine van de Gaar**, CEO - eHealth & Datascience, TNO

*SPECIFIX, Patient Specific Fracture Fixation*

**Matthias Vanhees**, co-founder - MedTech & Diagnostics, U Antwerp

*Acoustic Insight, Visualize Hearing*

**Sem Mekking**, Commercial Director - MedTech & Diagnostics, Delft Enterprises

Summaries of the Spin off projects available upon registration.

HIHR Pitches will last for a maximum of 7 min presentation, followed by 4 min Q&A (+1 min change).  
Due to the density of the programme we must strictly adhere to the schedule. We will close the doors as to not disturb the pitch presentations.

## EIT Health pitch sessions - Scale up pitches

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### EIT Health Pitch & Q&A session I

**Brenus Pharma**, a discovery platform generating first-in-class tumor-antigen-focused immunotherapies

Léa Perles, Funding, Market Analysis & Partners Manager – Biotechnology, France

**CiMaas**, immuno-oncology biotech company, pursuing proprietary therapeutics based on Natural Killer (NK) cells

Gerard MJ Bos, CEO – Therapeutics, cell therapy, Maastricht University Medical Center, the Netherlands

### EIT Health Pitch & Q&A session II

**Azalea Vision**, a contact lens-based dynamic light adjusting system, mimicking the normal functionality of the human iris

Enrique Vega, co-founder and CEO – Medtech, imec & University of Ghent, Belgium

**SensArs**, a patented FDA breakthrough device designated implantable stimulator that treats chronic pain through natural sensations of touch and movement, obtained by stimulation with pin-point precision of nerve fibers

Francesco M Petrini, CEO – Medtech, EPFL, Lausanne

**Lys therapeutics**, France - **CANCELLED**

Summaries of the companies available upon registration.

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## Schedule HIHR Quickfire sessions, May 22 - 25, 2023

HIHR offers new entrepreneurial teams/KTOs venture ideas, not pitch ready yet, the opportunity to test their idea / concept with investors, entrepreneurs and corporates in a 45 minute online session. We highly appreciate your feedback and encourage all investors to participate in these informal sessions to help young entrepreneurial teams with feedback. These sessions for pre-mature projects will take place *online* via MS Teams, according to the following schedule:

Quick fire sessions (subject to change)		
Monday May 22	09.00 – 09.45	<b>Virocell</b> - <i>Cell-based model as an efficacy markers for development of vaccines</i> MedTech & Diagnostics – U Namur
	12.00 – 12.45	<b>CRISParrray</b> - <i>Arrayed CRISPR screening platform for target discovery and validation</i> Therapeutics & Biotech – U Ghent
	17.00 – 17.45	<b>Quantitative analysis of musculoskeletal motion by dynamic computed tomography imaging</b> - <i>AI assisted analysis of CT images of joint motion</i> Therapeutics & Biotech, MedTech & Diagnostics - Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Tuesday May 23	09.00 – 09.45	<b>3DPRISM</b> - <i>Revolutionizing MRI with Personalized RF Coil and Shim Technology: The 3D-PRISM Solution</i> - <b>CANCELLED</b> MedTech & Diagnostics – KU Leuven
	12.00 – 12.45	<b>Indivix</b> - <i>Same day personalised titanium implant delivery</i> MedTech & Diagnostics – KU Leuven
	17.00 – 17.45	<b>PRIBE</b> - <i>Personalizing healthy reference intervals</i> eHealth & Datascience – U Hasselt
Wednesday May 24	09.00 – 09.45	<b>QCQuan</b> - <i>Separating the wheat from the chaff, when it comes to raw data sets</i> eHealth & Datascience – U Hasselt
	12.00 – 12.45	<b>LucidWave</b> - <i>A Novel Handheld Ultrasound Medical Imaging Probe</i> MedTech & Diagnostics – KU Leuven
	17.00 – 17.45	<b>Syntric Medical</b> - <i>Enabling optimal lung cancer treatment</i> MedTech & Diagnostics – TU Eindhoven
Thursday May 25	09.00 – 09.45	<b>Injectable Implants</b> - <i>A new therapy for the prevention and treatment of osteoarthritis</i> Therapeutics & Biotech - Amsterdam UMC

You can mark your interest on the online registration form. Calendar invitations will be sent with the online MS Teams link, to indications 'Highly interested'. Indications 'willing to help' receive an *optional* calendar invite. Summaries of the Quickfire sessions available upon registration.

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*Our mission is to unlock the potential of life science innovation no matter where it originates. We aim to solve the world's toughest health challenges and drive scientific breakthroughs that improve health for everyone, everywhere.*

We are comprised of a family of complementary teams that bring meaningful solutions and flexible approaches to support collaboration:

- Our [Innovation Centers](#) are regional hubs to access the best science and technology in the region. [Make the connection](#) if you are an entrepreneur or an early-stage consumer or medical device company, or a biopharmaceutical company seeking a collaboration to advance a program which is pre-proof of concept in humans.
- Our [JLABS network](#) of incubators support entrepreneurs launching consumer, medical device, or biopharmaceutical companies. [Make the connection](#) if you are seeking incubation space for your early-stage company, or seeking to expand your start-up through an exchange of ideas and collaboration.
- Our [JJDC, Inc.](#) strategic venture arm invests across all sectors and at all stages, from seed-level start-ups to Series B and beyond. [Make the connection](#) if you are seeking a strategic venture partner.
- Our [Janssen Business Development](#) team seeks to identify collaborative opportunities that will create transformative value for our partners and the world. [Make the connection](#) if you are an established pharmaceutical company, or mid-sized to large biotechnology company, and seek a collaboration or merger & acquisition discussion.

Feel free to contact our Benelux External Innovation Partnering leads [Paul Soons](#), [Tessy Korthout](#) or [Peter Roevens](#).

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### Thuja

Thuja Capital Management (Thuja) manages several venture capital funds aimed at building and scaling companies in the fields of (bio)pharmaceuticals, medtech and digital health. In addition to generating a financial return for its investors, Thuja's investments positively impact the health and well-being of patients. Thuja serves physicians and patients worldwide by providing capital to daring entrepreneurs with ground-breaking product concepts locally. For more information visit [www.thujacapital.com](http://www.thujacapital.com).

### General Inception

General Inception partners with scientific founders - often first time founders - to ignite their innovation and create transformational companies. We are co-founders bringing together domain expertise, seasoned executive talent, infrastructure resources, and capital to nurture company growth from inception. We started our journey in Palo Alto, California and are now expanding in the Benelux and rest of Europe. [www.generalinception.com](http://www.generalinception.com)

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The Science Park University of Antwerp is home to innovative, research-driven companies active in the sectors of Health & Environment.



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The Science Park has strong academic connections with knowledge centers and academic institutions in the Antwerp province. Collaborations with research groups of our knowledge partners are actively facilitated.



Science Park residents will also enjoy the benefit of easy access to new talent, as yearly thousands of students and professionals are being trained on campus.

Incubator Darwin supports spin-offs and start-up companies, offering shared infrastructure and business support. The park houses a dynamic community of entrepreneurs for whom training, seminars and networking events are organized on a regular basis.

With unique GMP cell and gene manufacturing capacity on site, the Science Park is especially attractive for companies active in advanced therapy research and development. Other areas of focus include respiratory health care, microbiome, digital health and diagnostics.

We welcome you to visit us in Niel, or at <http://scienceparkuantwerp.be/>.

Interested in becoming a sponsor or supporter as well ? Just send an email to [carla@hihr.eu](mailto:carla@hihr.eu) to check out the options.

## Expert Session – *The Future of... AI for health*

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by Pieter Meysman

Dr. Pieter Meysman is senior researcher at the Department of Computer Science of the University of Antwerp.

With his experience in the application field of machine learning to advance human health he has published more than 70 research articles and patents. He graduated as a PhD in bioscience engineering from the KU Leuven in 2012 and won a number of awards for his research, including most recently the GSK Vaccines award.

Furthermore, his research has directly resulted in two university spin-offs of the University of Antwerp and Antwerp University Hospital. For one of those spin-offs ImmuneWatch, he is CTO. This startup uses AI to decode the human immune system.

During *the future of AI for health* Dr. Pieter Meysman will take us along in the (potential) applications of AI in health, specifically in the immune field. With his insights in the research and the entrepreneurial journal the late and exciting developments will be discussed.

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