

IHI Forum 2026 - Translating research into long-term impact

Day 1 – 20 October – The Egg, Rue Bara 175, 1070 Brussels

13:00-14:00	Registration	
14:00-14:15	Opening - Niklas Blomberg, Executive Director, Innovative Health Initiative - Jean-Christophe Tellier, Chief Executive Officer, UCB – video	
14:15-15:00	Panel discussion “Bold collaborations in a time of change: the importance of public-private partnerships to translate research into long-term impact” Moderated by Pierre Meulien, Life Sciences Consultant and former IMI/IHI Executive Director - Maria Pilar Aguar Fernandez, Director “People: Health and Society”, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission - Stefan Frings, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Roche Pharma - José Peres, National Associations & SME Platform Manager, EuropaBio - Andrea Rappagliosi, Senior Vice President Public Affairs EMECLA, Edwards Lifesciences - Jan-Willem Scheijgrond, Global Head of Government and Public Affairs, Philips	
15:00-15:30	Coffee break	
15.30-17.00	Workshop 1 – From prevention to treatment: supporting innovation across the continuum of care The session will focus on how collaborative research is advancing emerging modalities in therapeutics, medical devices, AI, new interventions, and diagnostic technologies to address the burden of disease across the continuum of care. Moderator/rapporteur: Karen Godbold, Head of Global Public-Private Partnerships, Pfizer and member of the IHI SIP Setting the scene: Carmen Hurtado, Director of European Research, Breakthrough T1D Panelist: - Matthew Todd, Chair of Drug Discovery, University College London - Robert Hofsink, Manager Public Private Partnerships & Open Innovation, Philips Medical Systems Nederland BV - Julian Tillmann, Principal Clinical Scientist, Hoffmann-La Roche - Sara Zullino, Scientific Lead AI for Medical Applications, EATRIS ERIC	Workshop 2: Enhancing healthcare readiness: how to prepare health systems for innovation The panel will discuss how to ensure that health systems are ready to adopt innovative and integrated solutions that offer added value to the prevention, diagnosis, personalised treatment of patients in a context of fast-paced changes. Speakers will also explore the new care pathways for supporting transitional care from hospitals to home. Moderator/rapporteur: Maroeska Mariet Rovers, Professor of Medical Technology & Innovation & Director of Health Innovation Netherlands. Member of the IHI SIP Setting the scene: Linus Jonsson Professor of Health Economics, Karolinska Institutet Panelist: - Angela Bradshaw, Deputy Executive Director, Alzheimer Europe - Dipak Kotecha, Professor of Cardiology, University of Birmingham & UMC Utrecht, Director of Cities@Heart EU IHI - Stefan Schlichting System Architect, Program Dräger ONE, Dräger and chair of the IEEE 11073 PoCD Work Group - Tanja Stamm, Professor and Head of the Institute for Outcomes Research at the Medical University of Vienna
17.00-19.00	Poster session – early career researchers category scored by programme committee	
18:00-20:30	Networking cocktail	

Day 2 – 21 October

08:30-09:00	Registration & welcome coffee	
09:00-09:05	Welcome - Niklas Blomberg, Executive Director, Innovative Health Initiative	
09:05-10:00	Panel discussion “Bold collaborations in a time of change: The importance of multi-stakeholder alignment to translate research into long-term impact” Moderated by Pierre Meulien, Life Sciences Consultant and former IMI/IHI Executive Director - Angela Bradshaw, Deputy Executive Director, Alzheimer Europe - Ralf Herold, Head of Regulatory Science and Academia workstream, EMA - Anders Nordell, CEO and Co-founder, Collective Minds - Kristin Reiche, Professor of Digital Molecular Medicine, IT:U and Fraunhofer IZI - Raquel Yotti Álvarez, Commissioner for the PERTE for Cutting-edge Health, (Strategic Project for Economic Transformation and Recovery), Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation Impact in action. The example of EPND+ - Niranjan Bose, Managing Director, Health and Life Sciences, Gates Ventures	
10:15-11:30	Workshop 3 – Innovation driven by patient co-creation: unpacking a partnership process Shared commitment to authentic patient partnership is a must. The panel will discuss how patient co-creation is shaping research to drive innovation and deliver effective patient-centered solutions. Moderator/rapporteur: Magda Chlebus, Executive Director of Science Policy & Regulatory Affairs, EFPIA Setting the scene: Maria Dutarte, Executive Director, EUPATI Panelist: - Annika Jödicke, Senior Researcher in Pharmacoepidemiology, Oxford University - Janek Kapper, Eupati Fellow, Founder at The Estonian Inflammatory Bowel Disease Society. - Valentina Strammiello, Executive Director, European Patients' Forum - Marie Teil, Global Head of Special Patient Populations, UCB Biopharma SRL	Workshop 4 – Fostering a globally competitive Europe: overcoming hurdles in the innovation journey The panel will analyse the impact of collaborative research to remove roadblocks in the product development lifecycle and to promote a more sustainable manufacturing of healthcare products. Speakers will also discuss how to shape better informed regulatory, health technologies assessment (HTA), and payer decision-making of innovative medicines and health technologies. Moderator/rapporteur: Nathalie Piton, Head of Public Private Partnerships, Alliance Management, Sanofi and member of the IHI SIP Setting the scene: Ignacio Vallines, Head of Scientific Partnerships EMEA, Siemens Healthineers Panelist: - Dennis Klomp, Professor high precision structural and metabolic imaging, UMC Utrecht - Raj Long, Consultant Senior Advisor, Regulatory Sciences & Access, Former Deputy Director Gates Foundation, Pharma Vice President Reg International - Alexandra Poulsson, Senior Advisor, Norwegian Institute of Public Health
11:30-12:00	Coffee break	
12:00-13:00	Early career researchers' session Pitching and panel discussion with poster session winners Moderated by Niklas Blomberg	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	Wrap-up with all moderators/rapporteurs reporting workshops conclusions back to plenary	
15:30	Closing	