

9th EBF Young Scientist Symposium

It's the New Dawn

Defining our (Bioanalytical) Future Together

10 May 2023 (afternoon only) – introducing the EBF University
11-12 May 2023 (full days) – 9th YSS Symposium

Venue: The Radisson Blu - Hasselt - Belgium

A lot has happened in our industry over the last couple of years. New developments are rapidly changing the bioanalytical world we live in: global harmonisation of guidelines, increased or new (scientific or regulatory) expectations on new scaffolds forcing us to think out of the box, technology developments changing the way we operate/collaborate/communicate after the pandemic, just to name a few... it feels like waking up in a new world.

Design of the meeting

At the 9th YSS, we hope to touch on a few of these new exciting challenges and in the YSS organising committee we had to make a strong selection on which themes to focus on. As last year, the meeting agenda will consist of 3 parts: **(1) A Science Café** (May 11th), **(2) Oral Presentations** (May 11th and 12th) and **(3) Training** (tentatively on May 10th).

1 - Science Café (SC): The Right Balance

Ever since the 4th YSS, a “Science Café” is part of the YSS program. Also this year, we want to include a SC in which we focus on a specific aspect of (y)our community responsibility.

After 3 years of struggle with Covid in a changing world, the 9th YSS SC plans to focus on a theme which is an important challenge: finding the right balance, e.g. work-life balance, technology being an opportunity to refocus, regulations being a challenge or a partner. In short, identifying a SWOT to manage pressure and helping the next generation to grow in responsibility and aspirations. We don't have all the details ironed out, but a survey is being prepared as a stepstone for our discussions.

2 - Oral presentations or 5-min **Poster Pitch**. = **Subject of the Call for Speakers**

We selected following themes for which we invite you to submit an abstract – for practical details → “**Submit your abstract**”. For each of the themes, we suggest a few sub-themes to help you to focus your submission.

1. Science and Technology developments:

- New technologies entering the bioanalytical toolbox space vs. the current bioanalytical toolbox applied in new areas of R&D – and let's make we sure we recognise there is more than just LBA and LCMS, e.g. qPCR, flow, western blot...
- Getting more out of our toolbox: learning from (complementary) LBA and LC-MS data in a project.
- Critical reagents in the Biomarker space.

2. Process:

- Scientific/process related challenges for method transfers (both small and large molecule portfolio)
- Improving data integrity in the cloud.

3. Sustainability:

- Can automation deliver on promise? Examples, challenges, pitfalls.
- Value of FFP approach for studies outside of scope of regulatory guidelines.
- Less is more, or, are we focussed on the patient?: challenging non-added value bottlenecks in our processes.

4. Workshop “When things go wrong”:

- Free topics (not specific on a technology) where we invite you to bring a piece of lab work that was either challenging, agonising or went pretty wrong (and is maybe still not fully resolved). But above all, it was a learning experience, i.e. share your “failures” as they are likely your biggest successes and allow others to learn or to get them inspired.

3* - Training = introducing the “EBF-University for Young Scientists”:

- Building on the experience of the 8th YSS, we increase the training opportunities for young scientists on the afternoon of May 10th (not/minimally) impacting travel/lodging investments.
- The sessions will consist of presentations, Q&A and a panel discussion hosted by (senior) experts from the EBF community or their network to provide training, learnings and updates on strategic themes.

Submit your abstract

You are invited to submit your abstract for a podium presentation or poster reflecting your research, experiences and interests and fitting the proposed themes in “**Oral presentations** or 5-min **Poster Pitch**”

Oral presentations: Submit abstract before **Jan 30th 2023**.

Posters: Submit abstract before **March 31th 2023**. Posters should connect with the themes of the meeting. You can choose to have your poster included in the 5-min Poster Pitch session.

For details: <https://yss.e-b-f.eu/submit-an-abstract/> or use attached submission forms.

Register for the meeting

Registration via this link: <https://yss.e-b-f.eu/registration/>

You can register for the meeting in two ways:

- Meeting + Accommodation = entrance to the meeting (10-12 May), coffee breaks and lunch and 2 nights (10 and 11 May) included: 570 €
- Meeting Only = Entrance to the meeting (10-12 May) coffee breaks and lunch only: 305 €. In this case, you need to make your own hotel reservation. EBF suggests to stay at the meeting hotel: <https://www.radissonhotels.com/nl-nl/hotels/radisson-blu-hasselt>

Hasselt is a small vibrant (university) town located in Flanders, Belgium – from the airport, it has a direct train connection. From mid/south-Germany, France, the Netherlands or even Switzerland and is easily accessible by train or car.

The symposium is open for early career bioanalytical scientists from industry (Pharma/CROs) and academia. Our target audience is typically < 35 or < 5 years in bioanalysis.

More info on the meeting and the venue: <http://yss.e-b-f.eu>

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