

**23 October,
2025**

Venue: BIOCEV - Biotechnology
and Biomedicine Centre of the Czech
Academy of Sciences and Charles
University in Vestec, Průmyslová 595,
252 50, Czech Republic

We would like to sincerely invite you to the special event with a day of novel insights,
industry pioneers, and unmatched networking opportunities.

2. Czech-Swiss Innovation Day in STAR 2025

How to build a successful innovation ecosystem for
sustainable development of the biotechnology/biomedicine
research and pharmaceutical industry

This meeting aims to strengthen cooperation in biotechnology and biomedicine, pharmaceutical
industry and innovation; to promote academic and business links between Czech and Swiss
universities, research centres and companies. Last but not least: how to reach our common goal -
to enhance resilience against current and future health threats of modern society.

09:00 - 09:20 Welcome Adresses

Czech and Swiss Ambassadors
CEO's of the STAR, HST and BIOCEV

09:20 - 10:20 **SESSION 1 – FUTURE MINDS**
Academic research
Education of young scientists
Tech transfer
Case Studies

Prabitha Urwyler, Scientific Officer & Program Manager, Bilateral Cooperation,
Innosuisse - Suisse Innovation Agency
Adam Pruška, President, Co-founder, CometX
Matouš Glanc, Director, Czexpats in Science
Milan Prášil, CEO, IOCB Tech

10:35 - 11:45 **SESSION 2 – TECH FRONTIERS**
Technology and people innovations
in biotech and pharma industry
Potential for Cooperation
Success Stories

Jana Ashfield, Clinical Trial Operations Country Head, Novartis Czech Republic
James Rouse, CEO, Roche CZ
Pavel Solský, CFO, Sotio
Martin Dienstbier, Co-Founder and CFO/COO, DIANA Biotechnologies

13:00 - 14:00 **SESSION 3 – DEEP IMPACT**
Clusters and innovation ecosystems
Sharing experiences and examples of good
practise (Triple / Quadruple Helix)

Christof Klöpper, CEO Basel Area Business & Innovation (tbc.)
Petra Kinzlová, CEO, Prague.bio
Jana De Merlier, CEO, STAR – Research and Innovation Cluster

14:00 - 16:00 **SESSION 4 – STAR TRAILS**
BIOCEV Lab Tours +
New HQ and labs of DIANA Biotechnologies

Czech Centre for Phenogenomics
Centre of Molecular Structure
Imaging Methods Core Facility
DIANA Biotechnologies