



Workshop Life Sciences Next Level: Founding a Life Sciences Start-up
Max Planck Institute for Biological Intelligence, Martinsried
October 23, 2025

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| 13:00 – 13:10 | <p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>Julia Zbiegły, Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry</p> |
| 13:00 – 13:50 | <p>Keynote: ‘Founding a life sciences start-up’</p> <p>Johannes Bange, Lead Discovery Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background LDC and KHAN • What do you need to achieve over the first two years? • Team set-up, moving from academic to pharma perspective • Exit strategies at different stages |
| 13:50 – 14:10 | <p>Max Planck Foundation as a handholding partner</p> <p>Axel Nemetz, Max Planck Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of foundation and the Start-up Initiative • Building on your Scientific Insights while transitioning to Business • Support offered for founders |
| 14:10 – 14:30 | <p>Networking break</p> |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | <p>Handling of Intellectual property’</p> <p>Mareike Göritz, Max Planck Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Max-Planck-Innovation: your partner from A to Z on the road from idea to application</i> • What is Intellectual Property and why is it important? • Patenting and Publishing - it’s the sequence that matters! • There’s more to IP than patents (knowhow, materials, software and trade secrets) • Freedom to Operate - what is it about? • Licensing Models |
| 15:00 – 15:40 | <p>Case study: Presentation of a real start-up journey</p> <p>Founder/s of Start-ups (to be announced)</p> <p>Moderator for Discussion: Diksha Dani, Max Planck Foundation</p> |
| 15:40 – 16:00 | <p>Networking break</p> |
| 16:00 – 16:40 | <p>Financing options for life sciences start-ups</p> <p>Caroline Sandow, Max Planck Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPG Programme MAXimize • Public funding programmes • EXIST, Go-Bio |



Axel Nemetz, Max Planck Foundation:

- Business angels
- VC financing

16:40 – 16:50

Conclusion & Outlook

Diksha Dani, Max Planck Foundation

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