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AIMMS Valorization Festival 2027

The Integrated Health Network

28–29 January 2027 | VU Amsterdam | ~300 participants

AIMMS

The Amsterdam Institute for Molecular and Life Sciences (AIMMS) is VU Amsterdam's interdisciplinary research accelerator connecting chemistry, biology and data-driven life sciences, translating scientific insight into societal, biomedical and technological impact. **AIMMS research has given rise to a portfolio of 14 spin-offs, spanning drug discovery, antiviral therapies, functional foods, sustainable agriculture, analytical instruments, breath diagnostics and computational chemistry software.** We actively support these companies by connecting them with investors, industry partners and the expertise they need to grow.

What does "valorization" mean?

Valorization is the process ofturning scientificresearch into tangible value: new companies, industry partnerships, licensed technologies and structural collaborations that extend a discovery's impact beyond the lab. At AIMMS, this happens through several channels:

- Spin-offs and start-ups launched directly from AIMMS research
- AIMMS Ventures, our newly launched programme supporting spin-offs and venture teams, including co-development with industry partners
- Direct industry partnerships across teaching, research and valorization activities
- Connections to funding pathways, including the Willem Hovy Fonds, NWO Take-off and ASIF

Why the Festival?

The AIMMS Valorization Festival is our flagship event for turning these connections into real momentum. Now in its third edition, and the biggest yet, it brings together around 300 participants over two days: entrepreneurs, scientists and company representatives from pharma, biotech, life sciences, MedTech, AI, hospitals, universities and public organisations.

This year's theme, **The Integrated Health Network**, reflects our conviction that health innovation doesn't come from isolated breakthroughs, but from the connections between organisations and disciplines.

BD Village & prize contests

Spin-offs, start-ups and research groups present their work, with spin-off pitch and poster contests for prizes.

Lab tours

Guided tours of AIMMS labs, showing facilities and equipment ready for collaboration.

Meet future talent

PhD candidates, postdocs and master students from the AIMMS Talent Programme join on both days.

Fireside chats, pitch clinic & debate

Moderated casual chats on the big questions in health innovation, a live pitch clinic and an Oxford-style debate.

The programme includes

- Keynote by **Blaze Stancampiano**, Chief of Staff, Innovation Unit at Boehringer Ingelheim
- Fireside chats on financing biotech innovation, food health & sustainability, and the future of biotech in Europe
- Workshops, including one with the **EMA** on regulatory support and an **IXA-GO** session on building successful public-private collaborative grants
- The **Business Development Village**, where spin-offs, start-ups and research groups present their work

Check the full programme at: https://www.aimms.nl/aimms-festival-programme-2027/

Why it's worth attending

Whereveryou sitinthe healthinnovation chain, you will leave with new contacts and concrete leads.

Companies

Explore how AIMMS **lab facilities and expertise can carry out your R&D**, from analyses and testing to joint projects.

Scouting talent? Meet PhD candidates, postdocs and master students from our talent programme.

Start-ups & spin-offs

Put your company in front of partners in the BD Village and compete for the spin-off pitch **prize**.

Drop by the **Tech Transfer Office** for practical guidance on taking your research from lab to market.

Students & early-career researchers

Meet the organisations that shape your future career, from regulators such as the **EMA** to industry leaders such as **Boehringer Ingelheim**, and present your work in the **poster contest for a prize.**

Hospitals & clinical institutions

Bring the clinical perspective into research early, help set priorities and build lasting collaborations with researchers and companies.

Partner & network organisations

Introduce your network to a curated audience and be visible as a connector in the Amsterdam life sciences ecosystem.

PROGRAMME & INFORMATION

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TICKETS

Get your ticket on Eventbrite

QUESTIONS?

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