## Biotechnology

The importance of a relationship between research and industry



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The research and development of biotechnological drugs, the challenges, how they have changed patients' lives and future opportunities.

Gain insight from experiences of well-known Swedish scientists and other Nordic experts. Hear how they build on knowledge from basic research to applied research, about start-ups, funding and marketing.

## **Speakers**



Jóhann G. Jóhannsson / Co-founder of Alvotech and chairman of Icelandic-Swedish Chamber of Commerce.



Jón Atli Benediktsson / Ph.D. - Rector of the University of Iceland



Pórdís Kolbrún Gylfadóttir Reykfjörð / Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Innovation.



Róbert Wessman / Founder and Chairman of Alvotech, Chairman & CEO at Alvogen, Chairman of Lotus.



Kári Stefánsson /
MD, Dr. Med, is an Icelandic neurologist and the founder and CEO of the Reykjavik-based company deCODE genetics. The company pioneered the use of population scale genetics to understand variation in the sequence of human genome.



Lars Lannfelt /
M.D., Ph.D. – Senior Professor
at Uppsala University
(Geriatrics) and a member of
the Royal Swedish Academy of
Sciences. His research in
neurogenetics has focused on
the molecular causes of, and
treatment for, Alzheimer's
disease. He is a co-founder and
board member of BioArctic.



Matthias Uhlén /
Ph.D. - Professor KTH Royal
Institute of Technology and
Karolinska Institutet. Co-author
of 750 publications and
co-founder of 20 biotech
companies, of which four are
publicly listed. Director of the
Human Protein Atlas programme.
Board member of Novozymes
(Denmark) and several unlisted
biotech companies.



Eugen Steiner / MD, Ph.D., Investor and life-sciences veteran. Co-founder and board member of several biotech companies.



Lars Molinder /
Senior Adviser at Carnegie
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Investment banking veteran.
Responsible for the public
listing of a large number
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Sesselja Ómarsdóttir / Ph.D. – Head of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Alvotech and Professor at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the University of Iceland.



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