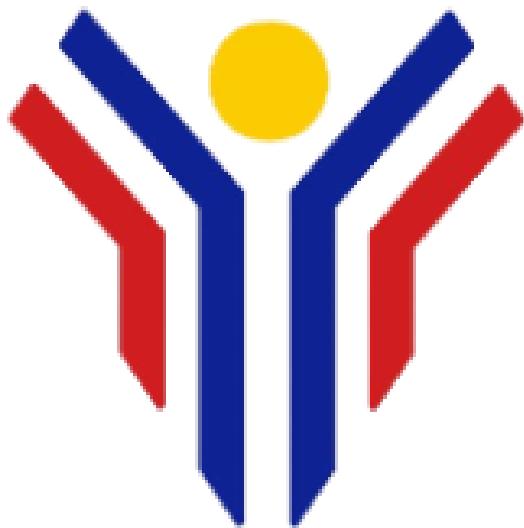




# 2026 EDITION

# LIFE AFTER LIVE



Research Instructive Workshop

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Salles des Thèses, Main Building, Rockefeller  
campus, 8 avenue Rockefeller, 69008, LYON

# WELCOME TO LIFE AFTER LIVE 2026 !

Life After LIVE is a student-led venture focused on championing and motivating the students enrolled in the Erasmus Mundus Joint Master (EMJM) in Leading International Vaccinology Education (LIVE) program.

Our primary mandate is to furnish students with a forum to investigate diverse employment prospects, secure valuable perspectives from seasoned professionals, and establish a robust network to bolster their progression once they transition from academia.

## **The Initiative's Purpose:**

The core purpose of Life After LIVE 2025 is to furnish Master's students with the necessary knowledge, inspiration, and connections to skillfully manage the leap from academic instruction to influential careers. By curating meaningful dialogues with industry pioneers, researchers, and global health specialists, we aspire to offer a distinctive setting where attendees can gain insights into real-world challenges, sector trends, and the capabilities required for success across various professional trajectories.

## **Key Deliverables of the Event**

- Fueling career progression.
- Supplying practical, actionable career intelligence.
- Cultivating professional relationships.
- Highlighting topics pertinent to both industry and academic realms.

## **Why Engage with Life After LIVE?**

This gathering presents an invaluable opportunity for students to expand their outlook, obtain practical guidance, and connect with a dedicated, supportive community of professionals committed to making an impact in global health. Whether your aspirations lie in research, industry, policy, or humanitarian endeavors, Life After LIVE 2025 is positioned to guide and inspire you at every juncture of your path.



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# Our speakers

Iyiola Oladunjoye is a DPhil student at the University of Oxford with a strong background in microbiology, vaccinology, and translational vaccine research. He completed his BSc in Microbiology at the University of Ilorin, Nigeria, gaining experience in environmental microbiology and public health, before earning the prestigious Erasmus Mundus Joint Master's Degree in Vaccinology (LIVE), training across five European institutions and receiving advanced instruction in immunology, infectiology, clinical research, and vaccine regulation. His MSc thesis at the Oxford Vaccine Group, supervised by Dr. Daniel Wright and Professor Teresa Lambe, focused on viral-vector vaccine design for outbreak pathogens and contributed to research on the ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 fourth-dose booster and anti-vector immunity. Prior to beginning his DPhil, he worked as a Research Assistant with the same group, supporting the Marburg virus Phase I clinical trial and Sudan Ebola vaccine preclinical studies, experiences that deepened his commitment to vaccine immunology and translational research.



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## SODIQ AYOBAMI HAMEED

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Sodiq Ayobami Hameed is a translational research scientist with a strong background in vaccinology, immunology, and cancer genomics, and is currently pursuing his PhD at University College Dublin and the University of Galway, where he focuses on precision medicine at the intersection of immunology, genomics, and bioinformatics to better understand and combat cancer. A graduate of the Erasmus Mundus LIVE Master's programme, he trained across leading European institutions, Barcelona, Antwerp, Lyon, and Saint-Étienne, gaining expertise in advanced immunology, molecular biology, vaccine R&D, and project management. His research experience spans both academia and industry, including a research internship at Boehringer Ingelheim and his current role as a Visiting Researcher at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Sodiq has contributed to peer-reviewed publications in immunology and vaccinology, and his earlier training as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at Usmanu Danfodiyo University earned him multiple awards for outstanding academic performance. His work reflects a deep commitment to improving global health through innovative research in infectious diseases and cancer.



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Dr. Christel Pao, M.D., MSc, is a Senior Principal Scientist I and Senior Medical Pathologist at Sanofi's Translational Medicine Unit, where she provides expert pathological interpretation to support drug development, leads biomarker analyses, and collaborates across scientific teams on tissue evaluation and immunohistochemistry validation. Her career spans clinical practice, academia, and industry, including serving as Chief Resident of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine at De La Salle University Medical Center in the Philippines, teaching and mentoring medical students, and contributing to global vaccine R&D through an internship with External Scientific Affairs at Sanofi Pasteur. She holds an MSc in Leading International Vaccinology Education (EMJM LIVE), specialized training in pathology and laboratory medicine, a medical degree from De La Salle Health Sciences Institute, and a BSc in Human Biology, earning multiple academic honors throughout her education.



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## CINTHIA VIOLETA HERNÁNDEZ PUENTE

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Cinthia Violeta Hernández Puente is a neuroscientist with expertise in redox biology, developmental neurobiology, and regenerative medicine. She is currently completing her PhD at the Institut des Neurosciences Paris-Saclay (2022–2026), where she investigates NOX-regulated redox signaling in neural stem cell maintenance during retinal regeneration in *Xenopus*. She previously worked across diverse research areas including cancer biology, gene editing, immunology, and epigenetics, and has contributed to clinical research projects in oncology, cardiology, and COVID-19. Cinthia also brings experience in data engineering and university teaching, and has presented her work at multiple international conferences. She will be seeking new research or industry opportunities starting January 2026.



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Sergio Linares Fernandez currently serves as Unit Head for RNA Science Automation at Sanofi, where he leads cutting-edge initiatives in mRNA technology development. A Spanish national working in France, Sergio brings a rich international background to his leadership role. Sergio earned a bachelor's degree in biotechnology from the University of Cadiz, Spain, which included international exchange experiences in Santiago de Chile and Prague. He continued his education through the LIVE Master's program (1st Jenner promotion, 2018) and completed a PhD in mRNA Vaccines against HIV at CNRS, France (2021). His training also includes coursework in vaccinology at Institut Pasteur. Sergio joined Sanofi around the time of the mRNA Center of Excellence establishment (2021), where he was tasked with building the RNA Drug substance Automation Unit. In this role, he has been responsible for team recruitment, equipment selection, and execution, as well as participating in external technology evaluations and collaborations. Currently, Sergio manages the Automation Unit for RNA Science and leads an operational team that evaluates new technologies in collaboration with CMC. His responsibilities include overseeing automation initiatives across the mRNA Center of Excellence's sites, including locations in Waltham, Marcy L'Étoile, and Orlando. Throughout his time at Sanofi, he has participated in leadership roles across different operational teams in the research division.



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Florian Gegenfurtner is a biochemist and vaccinology researcher currently pursuing his PhD at Karolinska Institutet, focusing on immunology and virus-host interactions. He completed his bachelor's and master's degrees in Biochemistry at the Technical University of Munich, specializing in clinical chemistry and virology, and later joined the Erasmus Mundus LIVE Master's programme, where he trained across leading European institutions in immunology, infectiology, and vaccine science. During his master's research at Karolinska Institutet, he investigated cross-neutralizing antibodies against RSV and hMPV, combining cell culture, ELISA, and computational analyses. Florian has accumulated extensive research experience through multiple internships and assistant positions, including work at TUM's Institute of Virology, the Bavarian NMR Center, Klinikum rechts der Isar, and the University of Antwerp, contributing to projects involving SARS-CoV-2 variant detection, HBV protein interactions, and cytokine responses in respiratory infections.



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## BEATRIZ MIGUELENA CHAMORRO

*PhD in Mucosal Vaccines*

Beatriz Miguelena Chamorro is a veterinarian and vaccinologist with expertise in mucosal immunology, vaccine development, and scientific communication. Currently an Associate Scientific Director at ICTYODEV, she completed her PhD through a CIFRE collaboration between the CIRI (Team GIMAP) and Boehringer Ingelheim, where she developed physiologically relevant models to evaluate oral *Bordetella bronchiseptica* vaccine candidates for dogs.

A graduate of the Erasmus Mundus LIVE Master's programme, she trained across leading European institutions in immunology, infectiology, and vaccinology, building on her DVM from the University of Zaragoza. Beatriz has extensive teaching experience at Université Jean Monnet Saint-Étienne, where she delivered immunology and vaccine-focused courses across undergraduate and master's levels, and she has contributed to scientific outreach through podcasts and community engagement. Alongside her research career, she is deeply committed to education, languages, and social service, volunteering across multiple organizations supporting vulnerable communities. Her work reflects a strong dedication to advancing vaccine science while fostering human connection through teaching and public engagement.



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LIVE "BELKAID" COHORT  
2024–2026

A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR  
YASMINE BELKAID



The **9th LIVE promotion (2024–2026)** has been proudly named "**Belkaid**" in honor of Professor Yasmine Belkaid, a distinguished **immunologist** and a **pioneer in microbiome research**. This choice celebrates her revolutionary contributions to immunology, which have significantly impacted vaccinology by **clarifying the vital role of a healthy microbiota in enhancing vaccine efficacy**.

Professor Belkaid earned widespread acclaim for her groundbreaking work on how the microbiome regulates the immune system, a subject of crucial importance for modern vaccine development. She is currently the General Director of the Institut Pasteur, a global leader in the fight against infectious diseases, where she champions innovation in vaccine development against pathogens that currently lack effective treatments, such as Lassa fever, shigellosis, and tuberculosis.

Throughout her career, Professor Belkaid has challenged the status quo and served as an inspiring model for future scientists. Her ascent as the second woman to hold the prestigious title of General Director since the Institut Pasteur's founding in 1887 is a powerful testament to the progress achievable through perseverance and dedication.

Her commitment to mentorship, inclusivity, and addressing global health challenges, particularly neglected diseases, deeply resonates with our cohort. Her expertise and unwavering dedication have earned her numerous accolades, including the Robert Koch Prize in 2021, the Lurie Prize in Biomedical Sciences in 2019, and the Sanofi-Institut Pasteur Prize in 2016. Today, Professor Belkaid's influence, demonstrated through over 220 scientific publications, continues to pave the way for advancements in treatments and vaccines, motivating a new generation of researchers.

We, the LIVE 2024–2026 Master Class, aspire to embody her spirit of exploration, resilience, and unwavering commitment to advancing science for the betterment of humanity.

# Live “Belkaid” Cohort 2024-2026



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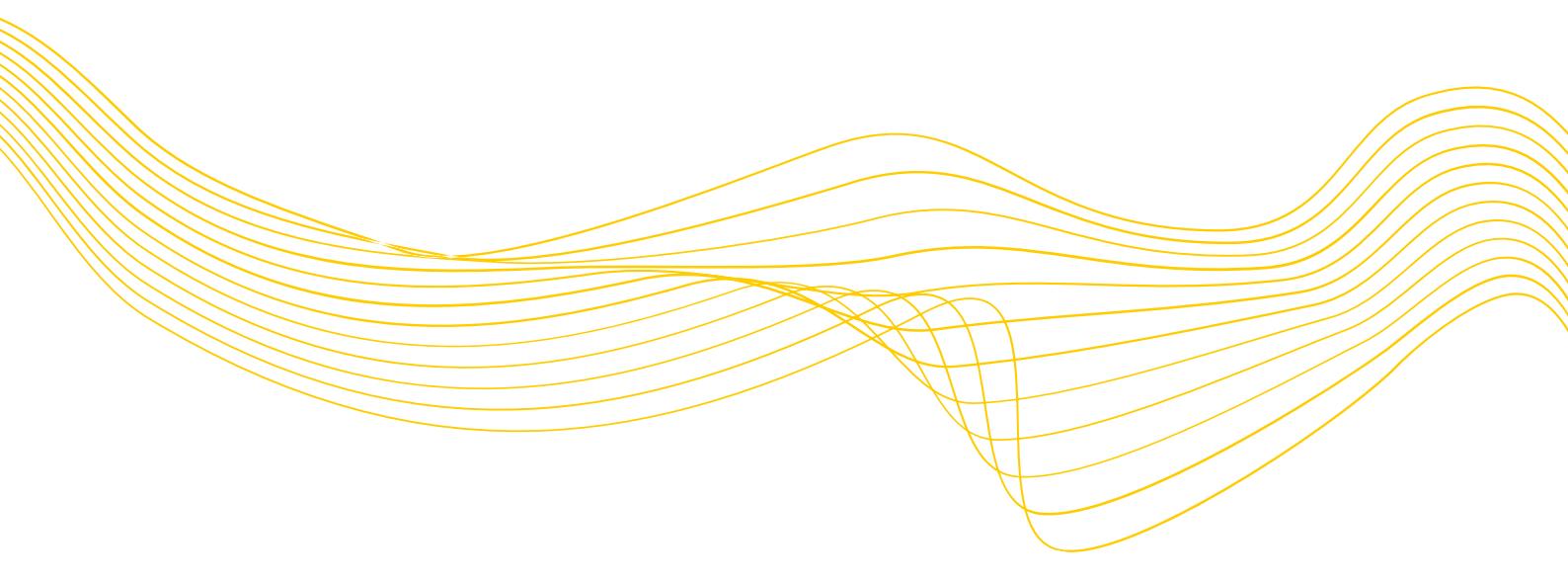
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