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Event Open	08:55am	Geoff Dumsday, President, Bioprocessing Network President welcome
	09:00am	Uwe Aickelin, Professor, Head of School at School of Computing and Information Systems, The University of Melbourne Transforming Australia's Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry through Advanced Bioprocess Models and Digital Innovation
Digital Biomanufacturing	09:30am	Daniel Pham, PhD Student, The University of Melbourne Robust Optimisation of Chromatographic Sequences using Interval-based Surrogates
	09:50am	Timothy Hermanto, Research Assistant, The University of Melbourne Hybrid machine learning models for predictions of mammalian cell culture metrics Optimisation of Chromatographic Sequences using Interval-based Surrogates
	10:10am	Sebastián Espinel-Ríos, Postdoctoral Researcher, CSIRO Advancing Bioprocess Control with Reinforcement Learning: From Dynamic Metabolic Engineering to Microbial Consortia
	10:30am	Robert Bassett, Senior Manager - Data Science and Digital Transformation, CSL From Code to Insight Building a Seamless Digital Analysis Ecosystem
Morning Tea	10:50- 11:20am	BREAK
	11:20am	KEYNOTE: Leszek Lisowski, Professor / Unit Head, Children's Medical Research Institute Next-generation AAVs for next-generation therapeutics: promising clinical tools with unique manufacturing challenges
Emerging Platforms and Modalities	12:20pm	Jukka Kervinen, Global Scientific Expert - Chromatography, Tosoh Bioscience LLC Advanced biomanufacturing of AAV-based gene therapy vectors
	12:40pm	Jeremy Barr, Associate Professor, Monash University Monash Phage Foundry: Production of a hospital-specific phage cocktail with frontline efficacy and on-demand availability

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Lunch	01:05- 02:05pm	BREAK
Sustainable by Design	02:05pm	KEYNOTE: Nataša Skoko, Group Leader, Biotechnology Development Unit, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) Bioprocessing for All: Low-Cost Solutions and Global Partnerships in Biologics Development
	03:05pm	Munish Puri, Professor and Chair Alternative Proteins, Riddet Institute, Massey University, New Zealand Precision Fermentation of bioresources for Alternative Protein Production: A Sustainable Bioprocessing Strategy
	03:30pm	Suzanne Manley, Senior Process Engineer, Wood Single-Use Materials in Bioprocessing
	03:55pm	Tasman van der Woude, Technologist, Bioeconomy Science Institute New Zealand (Scion Group) Scaling Innovation: From Laboratory Bench to Commercial Readiness Through Advanced Bioprocessing
	04:20pm	Jarrod Belcher, Director - Partnerships, MTP Connect Bioprocessing Workforce Development: Training Landscape
Afternoon Tea	04:35pm	BREAK
Poster Session	05:00pm - 06:00 pm	Poster Presentations
Welcome Mixer	06:00pm	Drinks & Nibbles
End Day 1	08:00pm	End of Day 1 Formalities

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	09:00am	Ben Hughes & Diego Pilati, Director, NBF, Australian Institute for Bioengineering and Nanotechnology, The University of Queensland Pressure testing the molecular clamp-based rapid response vaccine pipeline: a protein subunit vaccine against Chapare Virus
Scale, Design, and Efficiency in Bioprocessing	09:30am	Mark Jackson & Tiffany Shar, Head of Manufacturing Sciences and Technology, Thermo Fisher Scientific - PSG Successful Tech Transfer for all seasons - Traits of a rapid Path to IND and case study on mAb Process Intensification into 2000L and 5000L single use Bioreactors
	10:00am	Mirjana (Miri) Dwyer, Lead Process Engineer, IPS Life Sciences Process scale up optimisation - a tool to maximize investments and minimize operational costs
	10:20am	Ananth Sharan, Senior Application Specialist, Eppendorf An efficient approach to optimise processes and Scale-up using BioNsight Software
Morning Tea	10:35- 11:05am	BREAK
	11:05am	Veronica S Martinez, Research Fellow, The University of Queensland Designing cell factories for Bispecific antibodies production
	11:25am	Anton Maraldo, PhD Candidate, UNSW Structural Analysis of Silk Fibroin, A Highly Versatile Biomaterial Informs the Isolation, Downstream Processing of Formulation for Biomaterial and Tissue Engineering Applications
Start With the End in Mind	11:45am	Javier Fernandez-Chamorro, Computational Biologist, Vow From Data to Media: A Smart Design Platform for Cell Culture Optimisation Using ML and Automation
	12:05pm	Jonathan Barlow, Director, Victoria Fittings and Valves Pty Ltd Supply Chains, Shelf Life, and Single-Use Systems: Accelerating Product Development in Australia's Biomanufacturing Future
	12:20pm	Tara Cassidy, Charles River Laboratories Principles and Trends in Safety Testing of Biologics

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	01:35pm	KEYNOTE: Juergen Mairhofer, CEO & Co-founder, enGenes Biotech GmbH Beyond the Bench: Reprogramming E. coli from Genetic Circuits to Continuous Protein and Plasmid DNA Manufacturing
Upstream Process Intensification	02:35pm	Melanie Knoetze, Senior Scientist, Cauldron A continuous fermentation technology at industrial scale that unlocks cost of goods for mainstream, high-volume bioproducts
	03:00pm	Carlos Horacio Luna Flores, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Bioproton/QUT Integrative metabolic analysis of high astaxanthin production in <i>Phaffia rhodozyma</i>
	03:25pm	Alexander Lara-Watson, Process Development Associate, Vow Modern Bioreactors, Control and Automation Systems: From Concept to Factory Scale
Afternoon Tea	03:50pm	BREAK
	04:20pm	Lukas Gerstweiler, Lecturer, The University of Adelaide Integrated continuous downstream process for non-enveloped virus-like particles
Downstream Process Intensification	04:45pm	Phillip Elliott, Associate Director, Process Development, BioCina An adaptable, modern affinity chromatography system to speed time to market for new recombinant protein products
	05:10pm	Maria Soliman, Research Specialist, Protein Expression Facility, University of Queensland Lysis Without Limits: A Gentle Revolution in E. coli Protein Extraction
	05:30pm	TBA, Cytiva Process intensification: From unit operation to complete process
Networking Dinner	06:30pm	Networking Dinner
End Day 2	10:00pm	End of Day 2 Formalities

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	09:00am	Jessica Boutros, PhD student, The University of Melbourne To Be Confirmed
	09:10am	Les Tillack, Research Lead in Precision Fermentation, Queensland University of Technology To Be Confirmed
Lightning Talks & Regulatory Insights	09:20am	Vinayaka Srinivas, Research Director, Happy Petto Plant protein hydrolysates for scalable cultivated meat manufacturing
	09:30am	Michelle Peake, GxP Compliance Manager , SeerPharma To Be Confirmed
	09:40am	Andrew Watson, Director, CBE Pty Ltd & Brett Hyland, Stakeholder Engagement Manager, NATA Navigating Calibration - Considerations, Compliance and Contractors
Morning Tea	10:00- 10:30am	BREAK
	10:30am	KEYNOTE: May Guo, Founder & CEO, Novaribo Consulting mRNA-LNP Manufacturing: Current State and Future Directions
	11:30am	Robert John Falconer, Professor of Bioprocess Engineering, The University of Adelaide Platform Technology for Manufacturing Neoantigen mRNA for Personalized Cancer Vaccines
Advanced Bioprocessing of Gene and RNA Therapies	11:55am	Hongzhan Di, Global Modality Manager, Merck To Be Confirmed
	12:10pm	Linus Hao, Scientific Strategy Director, Cobetter Innovative Solutions Addressing CMC Challenges in Plasmid and Viral Vector Manufacturing for CGT Applications
	12:30pm	Sheena Chua, Senior Scientist, Southern RNA QC analytics: The unsung hero of mRNA clinical manufacturing

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LNP Design and Manufacture	01:50pm	Andreja Gramc Livk, Head of Process Analytics, Sartorius BIA Separations Monolithic Columns Improve Quality, Recovery, And Facilitate Innovative Analytics For Complex LNP-Based Therapeutics.
	02:20pm	Vincent Linden, The University of Adelaide/SA Nano, PhD Candidate/Co-founder Democratising Nanomedicine Production: Low-Cost, User-focused Microfluidic Platforms for mRNA Nanoparticle Synthesis
	02:40pm	Xuan Bui, Team Leader, Vaxxas Improved thermostability of mRNA-LNP vaccines in combination with a High-density Microarray Patch
Awards & AGM	03:05pm	Geoff Dumsday, President, Bioprocessing Network Presentation of Poster & Presentation Awards, followed by AGM.
Afternoon Tea	03:35pm	BREAK
Event Close	04:15pm	Conference Close

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