

Neurocenter Finland Annual Event 2024:

How to match skills with various career paths in brain health and neurosciences

As students, researchers, and work-based immigrants are the future assets of the workforce and the fields of Research, Development, and Innovation, it is crucial to develop various skills and build professional and social networks as early as possible. This approach helps in exploring different career options in brain health and neurosciences.

- **Date:** 7th of November 2024
- **Location:** Snellmania SN100 auditorium, University of Eastern Finland, Kuopio

[Registration](#) will be open until 4th of November 2024

This event brings together a diverse group of participants involved in research and innovation, including academic scientists, students, and company experts from fields such as data sciences, clinical studies, physics, innovation management, social sciences and law, biology, drug discovery and development, pharmacy, and health economy. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear career stories, company presentations, and HR insights, and to share experiences that will help them develop future skills.

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8:30 Registration and coffee

9:00 Welcome words: State of the (emergency) of brain health – high potential for RDI – *Eero Rissanen, Neurocenter Finland*

1st Morning session: Skills and Business Perspective to enhance RDI (Chair: Hannaneh Moradi)

9:15 North Savo-center of growth and high competence – *Kaija Savolainen, Finland Chamber of Commerce*

9:30 Why you should develop entrepreneurial competencies – *Piritta Parkkari, UEF*

9:45 Break, networking snack

2nd Morning session: Researchers, student, and company expert presentations – Views from the different fields (Chair: Meheli Banerjee)

10:15 Business brain, health heart: My adventure in strengthening health research networks – *Hannaneh Moradi, UEF Business School, Kuopio Brain&Mind*

10:30 Bridging the gap: Sharing the excitement of neuroscience with everyone – *Hilyatushalihah Kholis Audah, UTU, Turku Brain&Mind*

10:45 Clinical work and neuroscience: the joys and headaches of being on “Both sides of the fence” – *Silja Luotonen, UTU, Turku Brain & Mind*

11:00 How to break into your first industry role? – *Henri Autio, BioArctic*

11:10 Bridging academia and industry: My Path to Becoming a Medical Science Liaison – *Natalia*

Acosta, Eisai

11:20 Career opportunities in international pharma companies – what capabilities are needed? – *Elina Jokinen, Novartis*

11:40 Facilitated networking followed by lunch

1st Afternoon session R2B, (Chair: Hannaneh Moradi)

13:00 Life outside academic research, brief overview – *Darshan Kumar, Aiforia*

13:15 If I could go back 10 years and restart my career – *Prateek Singh, FinnAdvance*

13:30 Why Finland? Why collaboration with companies? – *Eino Solje, UEF*

13:45 A leap from nursing to healthtech business – *Päivi Rytönen, Adamant Health*

14:00 Networking and coffee

2nd Afternoon session – Other stakeholders' presentations (Chair: Meheli Banerjee)

14:25 Innovate and Impact in Preclinical Drug Discovery: Scientific Careers in an International Contract Research Organization – *Susanne Back, Charles River*

14:45 From awareness to action: My professional journey to support and advocacy for movement disorders – *Johanna Reiman, Finnish Movement Disorders Association*

14:55 Skill set required for the future RDI – hard skills in combination AI to be combined to soft skills reflective skills – *Risto Ilmoniemi, Aalto University, Helsinki Brain & Mind*

15:10 Wrap up

15:25 Event ends

15:45 Olvi Foundation Neurochallenge 2024 with Savonia starts

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