



Bugatti Tank 57C, winner of the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the 24h of Le Mans (1939)



**1<sup>st</sup> Announcement – Call for Themes**

## 16<sup>th</sup> EBF Open Symposium

### Science Winning the Race

Hyatt Regency Tower (Barcelona) 15-17 November 2023

#### INTRODUCTION

In good **tradition** to connect the theme of our meetings to commemorate an important anniversary of a feat which made a small dent in our universe and at the same time can inspire us, we invite you to travel with us back in time to Le Mans in 1923. Although you wonder how we get inspired by motor sport, there are many analogies of the early years of endurance racing and (regulated) bioanalysis today: both build on a cocktail of progress of science, cutting edge technology put to the test of performance and endurance, teamwork and diligent communication, and adhering to rules and regulations to win the race. So, it didn't take us long to choose the theme for 2023: **Science Winning the Race**

#### CALL FOR THEMES and ABSTRACTS

As in previous years, it is our ambition to program scientific sessions on at least small and large molecule applications and strategies, the wonderful expanding world of immunogenicity (incl. vaccines), biomarkers assay validation – Context of Use, automation, the e-environment, cell & gene therapies, patient centric trials, stakeholder engagement and regulatory updates. We will also continue our discussions related to our community responsibility towards a sustainable future of bioanalysis (i.e. 3Rs, green labs, microsampling...).

As last year, the call for abstracts has two tiers:

- **First Tier:** A **Call for Themes** you want to see included into our meeting = **this mail**. Please take this opportunity to make us aware of exciting scientific, technological, or regulatory challenges and opportunities you would like us to take into consideration into our call for abstracts and programming in Barcelona. If sufficient traction in the broader community, your suggestion may make it into the agenda. The additional themes will then be included in the Call for Abstracts which will be send by the end of February.
- **Second Tier:** the formal **Call for Abstracts** = End of February

You can suggest themes with a small rationale by copying below boxes in a mail and populate them with your thoughts. Send your thoughts to [open@e-b-f.eu](mailto:open@e-b-f.eu) before 15FEB2023.

#### Suggest additional themes

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#### A short rationale on where you see the value or your contribution (max. 100 words):

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#### REGISTER FOR THE MEETING

You can already register for the meeting. The registration fee for the meeting is € 840 (€ 450 for academia). No day-passes will be available. More details and to register: <https://bcn.e-b-f.eu/registration/>

#### COVID STATEMENT

The 16<sup>th</sup> Open Symposium will be planned as a face-to-face event in Barcelona, complying to all travel restrictions applicable in the EU and Spain in November 2023. Not having a crystal ball, we do not know what this looks like today.

If needed, we will adapt our planning using our experience from 2021. Although not anticipated, this may include moving the meeting (potentially reduced program) into cyberspace. If this happens, this will change the meeting to a non-sponsored meeting with reduced registration fee. However, the in-person 16<sup>th</sup> Symposium in Barcelona will not be re-planned to become a HYBRID event (= mixing face to face presentations with online contributions). Any added/replacing cybermeeting will be stand-alone event cfr. 2021.

#### MEETING ORGANISATION

**Scientific Programming committee:** Matthew Barfield (F. Hoffmann – La Roche), Kyra Cowan (Merck KGaA), Michaela Golob (Nuvisan), Jo Goodman (AstraZeneca), Robert Nelson (Labcorp Drug Development), Steve White (GSK) and Philip Timmerman (EBF)

*Additional organising committee members may be added in March in support of the scientific themes we will select.*

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