



A message from Magnus

Dear friends,

I hope you've had a restful and relaxing summer. The BioVentureHub team is recharged and ready to take on the opportunities and challenges of another exciting autumn. Hopefully, it won't be too long before we will be able to meet up and collaborate again in person.

A key focus area for us recently has been, and continues to be, contributing to the strategic development of [GoCo Health Innovation City](#) as a bold, powerful and collaborative environment for health innovation in and around AstraZeneca's global R&D site in Gothenburg.

Against this background, we are very pleased that BioVentureHub team members, [Anders Persson](#) and [Ramon Nogueras](#), have both taken on new and important roles within AstraZeneca to help guide and coordinate this development, together with our partners. Anders is now Executive Director Strategy & Innovation and Ramon is Project Director GoCo Health Innovation City.

Also within the context of GoCo Health innovation City, and building on learnings and experiences from the BioVentureHub, it's great to see the [HealthWorks](#) patient innovation hub now up and running. We're also super excited to be hosting the new [OligoNova centre for therapeutic oligonucleotides](#) in AstraZeneca facilities at the heart of GoCo Health Innovation City.

We have a number of new companies and research groups lined up to join the BioVentureHub in the coming weeks and months. We are grateful to all of our colleagues from across AstraZeneca who have been involved in the evaluation and onboarding processes for these new companies/groups.

Stay tuned for more updates about these and other important BioVentureHub initiatives; all aimed at bringing people together and driving growth and sustainability through innovation.

...also, since our previous update...

- We are very excited to have initiated a series of AZ Talks featuring discussions between AstraZeneca and BioVentureHub company employees on key trends in our industry. [The first](#)

[episode](#)* highlighted patients as consumers and featured BioVentureHub company, Mindforce Game Lab. This episode so far has around 13,000 views!

- We hosted two webinars in collaboration with partners aiming to support SMEs: [“Partnering in life science: emphasizing the SME perspective”](#) together with AZ Business Development experts. [“Newsify your equity story” – upgrading communications from duty to beauty](#) together with Sahlgrenska Science Park.
- The BioVentureHub has been actively involved in the development of the “Data Market Place” project aiming to promote B2B data sharing within the Swedish life science ecosystem.
- The BioVentureHub was profiled in [a feature article](#) by Bundl, an innovation consultancy company based in Belgium/the Netherlands.
- We have also been involved with the [Health Innovation West](#) cluster collaboration initiative and are excited about the [new cross-sector work group on Medical Imaging and AI](#) that has been initiated within the framework of Health Innovation West.
- Anders Persson was elected as a board member for the Swedish life science industry organisation, [SwedenBIO](#).
- Pernilla Isberg presented the BioVentureHub at the [MIRAI 2.0](#) Sweden-Japan conference, as well as at “The Connector” event in Israel [arranged by Business Sweden](#). We also presented the BioVentureHub to international audiences at the “Digitalization of Healthcare: Remote Access” roundtable organized by the Swedish Embassy in Prague, and at the Korean K.E.Y Platform 2021.
- In his role as a board member at [Global Compact Network Sweden](#), Magnus Björsne presented at a webinar aiming to inspire life science companies on the challenges and opportunities involved in incorporating the 17 global goals for sustainable development.

Eleven updates from the BioVentureHub companies/research groups...

- [OnDosis](#) raised SEK 92 million in a pre-IPO investment financing round.
- [Cereno Scientific](#) announced a collaboration agreement with global healthcare company, Abbott, relating to Cereno's upcoming Phase II study.
- [Ectin Research](#) announced its first day of trading on the Spotlight Stock Market. New shareholders in the company are investing in a potential new treatment for metastatic bladder cancer.
- [Emotra](#) is collaborating with King's College London regarding a study focused on neurocognitive signatures predicting risk of recurrent depression. Emotra's also had a patent [approved](#) in Canada and has entered into [an agreement with the National Institute of Mental Health](#) in the USA.
- [Immunicum](#) announced that its lead cancer relapse vaccine candidate received Advanced Therapy Medicinal Product classification from the European Medicines Agency and the Committee for Advanced Therapies.
- [Datamatrix](#) announced a partnership with iHealth Group to serve researchers with real world data analytics capabilities.

- [RLS Global's](#) ChloraSolv product received regulatory approval for diabetic foot ulcers in Kuwait.
- [Cline Scientific](#) were listed on the Nasdaq First North Growth Market stock exchange.
- [Amferia](#) announced a strategic partnership with Triolab to launch Amferia's wound care products for veterinary applications.
- [Cellink](#) was awarded this year's Göteborgs Companipris.
- [Intelligent Implants](#) were granted Breakthrough Device Designation for smart orthopedic implants by the FDA.

Thank you so much for your continued support and encouragement. It is sincerely appreciated.

For more information about the BioVentureHub, please see the [BioVentureHub website](#) and follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Workplace \(AstraZeneca employees only\)](#).

Take care and stay healthy!

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