



## Robin Stamm

### Miltenyi Biotec Group Lead Product Management

I don't have a biology degree, I actually studied finance and did an apprenticeship as an IT Management assistant. But by staying curious, adaptable, and people-focused, I've built a career in biotech. From developing new cell separation products, leading my own team to driving marketing strategies and represent Miltenyi Biotec all over the world, I've learned that how you work with others can matter just as much as what you studied. What truly counts is your willingness to learn, ask questions, and keep moving forward. Your CV doesn't have to be perfect, it just has to show that you're ready to grow.

## Anna Baranska, PhD

### Group Leader R&D Reagents Cell Separation & Myeloid Cell Immunology

Anna Baranska, PhD: Group Leader in R&D Reagents, specializing in Cell Separation and Myeloid Cell Immunology. In this role, she leads the development and optimization of workflows for magnetic cell separation, driving innovation in immune cell isolation technologies. With over 15 years of experience in myeloid cell biology, she has a strong background in the field. She earned a PhD from Uniklinik Erlangen in Germany, focusing on dendritic cell biology, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the Malissen lab at CIML in Marseille, where she worked on dendritic cell and macrophage biology.

## Lorenz Jahn, PhD

### Group Leader T Cell Immunotherapy Tools

Lorenz Jahn is managing a research and development group for the advancement of cell therapy manufacturing strategies within the Immunotherapy Department at Miltenyi Biotec in Bergisch Gladbach, Germany. He supervises developmental activities for innovative GMP reagents and emerging cell manufacturing solutions to facilitate closed-system and automated production of cell and gene therapies (CGT) based on CAR T cells, tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes (TIL), and regulatory T cells. Lorenz joined Miltenyi Biotec in 2023, bringing with him his expertise in cell-based immunotherapies and his passion to convert immunological insights into technology-driven applications.



## **Christina Kösters, PhD**

### **Medical Director at Merck Austria Ges.m.b.H.**

Dr. Christina Kösters is the Medical Director at Merck Austria Ges.m.b.H. in Vienna, where she leverages her robust academic background and extensive experience in medical affairs and business management within the pharmaceutical industry. She holds a Ph.D. in Immunology from the Medical University of Vienna, followed by a Post-Doctoral Research Associate position in Tumor Immunology at the Max-Delbrück Research Centre in Berlin. Earlier, she earned her M.Sc. in Technical Chemistry from the University of Technology Vienna and participated in the ERASMUS exchange program at Lund

Institute of Technology in Sweden. Throughout her career, Dr. Kösters has held several prominent positions in the pharmaceutical sector. Since March 2024, she has served as the Medical Director at Merck Austria, where she leads a medical team and participates in strategic planning as part of the Austrian Pharma Leadership Team. Previously, she was the Business Unit Director for Oncology in Austria and Switzerland, where she focused on business performance and the implementation of marketing strategies during product launches. Before joining Merck, she was the Business Unit Head for Specialty Medicine at Bayer Austria and held various roles in medical affairs, including Head of Medical Affairs for Specialty Medicine and Medical Advisor for Oncology and Ophthalmology. In addition to her professional responsibilities, Dr. Kösters is a member of the Executive Board of the Austrian Society for Pharmaceutical Medicine (GPMed) and leads the Medical Affairs Circle. She is also involved in several Standing Committees within the Austrian Association for the Pharmaceutical Industry (PHARMIG).

## **Anna-Dorothea Gorki, PhD**

### **Chief Scientific Officer Ygion Biomedical**

Anna-Dorothea Gorki, PhD is an immunologist and experienced biotech executive, currently serving as Chief Scientific Officer at YGION Biomedical, where she leads the development of precision medicine strategies for cancer vaccines. Previously, she was CSO at the start-up G.ST Antivirals, developing antiviral therapies for respiratory infections leading the preclinical team up to clinical phase II. Dr. Gorki completed her PhD in immunology at the Medical University of Vienna and CeMM Research Center for Molecular Medicine, authoring high-impact publications in top-tier journals such as "Cell". Her work has earned multiple distinctions, including the Austrian Science Ministry's Award of Excellence and the State Prize of Austria.





## **Jason Goldsmith, PhD**

**Senior Director, VOWST and  
Microbiome Sciences, Nestlé Health  
Science;**

**Co-Host of ‘The Immunology’ Podcast**

Jason Goldsmith is the Senior Director, VOWST and Microbiome Sciences, Nestlé Health Science. He was previously a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Pennsylvania’s Institute for Immunology, where he studied the intersection of intestinal regeneration, intestinal immunity, and host-microbiome interactions

with the goal of one day being able to control intestinal regeneration therapeutically, both to enhance it during inflammatory processes (such as Colitis, Crohn’s, or radiation-induced enteropathy) or selectively inhibit it in colorectal cancer. He completed 2 years of internal medicine residency at the University of Michigan before deciding to focus on a research career and still works part-time as a hospitalist. Jason used to be a professional martial arts instructor and still trains in his free time. He also enjoys role-playing games and the occasional video game.



## **Brenda Raud, PhD**

**Post-Doc Sanquin Research;**

**Co-Host of ‘The Immunology’ Podcast**

Dr. Brenda Raud is a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Hematopoiesis at the Sanquin Research Institute, in Amsterdam. She studied Biotechnology in Argentina, and later received her PhD in Immunology from the Hannover Medical School in Germany. During her doctorate, she characterized the metabolism of T cells and the mechanisms by which metabolic pathways can shape the immune response in health and disease. Brenda’s research interests include T-cell biology, adaptive immunity, and genetic engineering. Besides being passionate about science and intricacies of the immune system, Brenda is an enthusiastic expat: she has lived in three countries, done research in five, and is keen on picking up languages along the way.



## **Nadia El Mjiyad, PhD**

### **Grant Coordinator, European Research Council**

Nadia El Mjiyad has been a member of the Scientific Department at the ERC Executive Agency (ERCEA) since 2012. She holds a PhD in Biology, her expertise spans Virology, Immunology, and Cancer Research. Initially, she served as a scientific officer in the LS4 panel, which focuses on physiology and pathophysiology. She then became the coordinator for the

ERC Synergy grant call in the Life Sciences, a position she held for eight years. Recently, she took over the coordination of the LS6 panel, which is centred on immunology, infection, and immunotherapy. In this role, she is tasked with organizing the evaluation of proposals submitted to the LS6 panel, overseeing the progress of funded projects, and engaging with the relevant scientific communities.



## **Zsófia Ilona Szojka, PhD**

### **ECDC EUPHEM Fellow at the Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AEGES)**

Zsófia Ilona Szojka is a dedicated biomedical researcher and a public health professional with a PhD in Molecular Cell and Immune Biology from the University of Debrecen (UD), Hungary, with extensive expertise in virology, molecular biology, and antiviral immunity. Her doctoral research focused on HIV-2 replication dynamics, evolutionary rate, and its role in dual HIV infections. Currently, she is an ECDC (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control) EUPHEM (European Public Health Microbiology Training Programme) Fellow (since 2024-09-09) at the Institute of Medical Microbiology and Hygiene, Division of Public Health, Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety. She is currently involved in a broad range of projects, spanning from monitoring genomic evolution in patient isolates to outbreak investigations. Previously, she was a postdoctoral fellow at Lund University, Sweden (2021–2024), in the Division of Medical Microbiology, supported by the Wenner-Gren Foundation. From 2023-05-31 to 2024-07-01, she worked at the STI Laboratory, Clinical Microbiology Department, Region Skåne, in Lund, Sweden, gaining clinical diagnostic. She has more than five years of undergraduate teaching experience (2015–2020), instructing practical courses for medical and dentistry students. As a volunteer, she also presented educational lectures for high school students with the Jeffrey Modell Foundation, a global foundation dedicated to children with immunodeficiencies. Her leadership and academic engagement include mentoring in UD's Talent Development Program, membership in the Hungarian PhD Student Association, and active participation in the Kálmán Sántha College for Advanced Studies.





**Ross McGlennon**  
**Senior Journal Manager Immunology,**  
**Frontiers in Immunology**

Ross leads a team of publishing experts on a mission to make all science open, enabling the research community to develop the solutions we all need to live healthy lives on a healthy planet. He joined Frontiers in 2021, originally working in cardiovascular medicine before moving to immunology. As Senior Journal Manager, Ross is responsible for editorial oversight, content development, and strategy planning within Frontiers in Immunology.

Along with this Ross collaborates with editors, reviewers, and authors around the globe to build relationships, promote open access publishing and build community trust in science.

**Nadja Bakocevic, PhD**  
**Deputy Managing Editor,**  
**European Journal of Immunology (EJI)**

Dr. Nadja Bakocevic currently holds the Deputy Managing Editor, European Journal of Immunology (EJI). Nadja holds a degree in biochemistry from the University of Belgrade. She obtained a PhD degree in Hannover Medical School, where she examined the role of DCs for the induction of tolerance and immunity in the airways. In 2010, Nadja moved to Singapore (SIgN) for postdoctoral studies focusing on immune responses and cellular dynamics of host response to *Plasmodium* spp. Nadja joined the EJI team in 2016, where she oversees the peer review, EJI's scientific content and strategic development.

