

## Scientific Speed Dating: CV form for mentors

**First & Last name:**

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**Affiliation:**

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**Career in brief (please specify only the principal steps):**

I am a microbiologist working at the interface of bacterial pathogenesis and infectious diseases. After training in the United States, I established and grew an independent research program in Singapore before moving to Switzerland, where I currently lead a laboratory at the University of Geneva. My career spans multiple academic systems and includes research leadership, mentoring, and international collaboration.

**Main field of expertise (max 3 topics of interest):**

- Enterococcal pathogenesis and antimicrobial tolerance
- Biofilm-associated infections, especially wounds, CAUTI, and endocarditis
- Mechanisms by which bacteria suppress or subvert the host immune response

**Personal statements about myself:**

I enjoy meeting early-career researchers and clinicians who are curious about how fundamental microbiology connects to real-world infectious disease challenges. I'm happy to talk about research ideas, interdisciplinary collaborations, career development, and navigating different academic and research systems. Whether you're thinking about your next project, a move between countries, or how to translate lab findings into clinical impact, I'm very glad to chat.