



STM Innovator Fair 2025

In collaboration with Karger's Vesalius Innovation Award (VIA)

Programme

09:00	Registration & networking breakfast
09:30	Opening & Welcome – Hylke Koers , Chief Information Officer, STM Solutions
09:35	Keynote Speaker: Building confidence in research through integrity: pathways to a stronger future Rachael Gooberman-Hill , Co-chair of the UK Committee on Research Integrity
10:15	Lightning Talks Moderated by: Hylke Koers , Chief Information Officer, STM Solutions The innovators selected to join us for the event will present themselves to the audience in two and a half minutes – a guarantee for a high-energy session!
11:00 – 11:20	Refreshment break & networking sponsored by 
11:00	Interactive Fair Meander the floor, interact directly with innovators, and delve deeper into tools and services that pique your interest. AJE (Powered by MPS) Cashmere Dandelion DataSeer Enago Global Campus Hum Knowledge Works Global Otto Proofig AI ReviewerOne ReviewerZero VeridatLabs VeriMe
12:00	Lunch & networking



13:00	<p>Vesalius Innovation Award (organized by Karger) </p> <p>Pitches by this year's finalists for the prestigious Vesalius Innovation Award, followed by the award ceremony.</p> <p>AuthentiSci Profectus Academy Safespace Research Scitility Thesify.ai</p>
14:00 – 16:00	Interactive Fair, continued
14:00	Refreshment break & networking
16:00	<p>From Pitch to Partnership: How Stakeholders Evaluate Startups</p> <p>Moderated by: Martijn Roelandse, Consultant, Park 56</p> <p>Startups bring bold ideas and fresh energy into scholarly communication — but what does it really take to move from a promising pitch to a meaningful partnership or investment? In this session, we bring together voices from across the ecosystem — investors, corporate partners, and funders — to share how they assess startups. What do they look for in the numbers, the team, and the story? How do they decide when to partner, invest, or acquire? And what strategies can help startups position themselves for long-term success?</p> <p>Through short insights and a dynamic panel discussion, participants will gain a clearer view of the criteria and perspectives that shape startup journeys in scholarly communication.</p> <p>Milan Wielinga, Managing Partner, Park 56 Jignesh Bhate, CEO, Molecular Connections Ben Kaube, Co-founder Cassyni, founding investor of Scholarly Angels Steve Scott, Director of Portfolio Development, Digital Science Emma Green, Director of Development, Invest in Open Infrastructure</p>
17:00	<p>Closing remarks by Hylke Koers, Chief Information Officer, STM Solutions</p> <p>Followed by a Drinks Reception sponsored by  SILVERCHAIR</p>
17:30 finish	