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# ***Enzyme Engineering XXVII***

**October 1-6, 2023  
Singapore**

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**August 9-13, 1971**

**New England College, Henniker, New Hampshire**

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***Enzyme Engineering II***

**August 5-10, 1973**

**New England College, Henniker, New Hampshire**

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***Enzyme Engineering III***

**August 3-8, 1975**

**Reed College, Portland, Oregon**

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***Enzyme Engineering IV***

**September 25-30, 1977**

**Bad Neuenahr, W. Germany**

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***Enzyme Engineering V***

**July 29-August 3, 1979**

**New England College, Henniker, New Hampshire**

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**September 20-26, 1981**

**Kashikojima, Japan**

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**September 25-30, 1983**

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**Previous conferences in this series:**

***Enzyme Engineering VIII***

**September 22-27, 1985**

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***Enzyme Engineering IX***

**October 4-9, 1987**

**Santa Barbara, California**

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**September 24-29, 1989**

**Kashikojima, Japan**

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***Enzyme Engineering XI***

**September 22-27, 1991**

**Kona, Hawaii**

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***Enzyme Engineering XII***

**September 19-24, 1993**

**Deauville, France**

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***Enzyme Engineering XIII***

**October 15-20, 1995**

**San Diego, California**

*Conference Chairs:*

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***Enzyme Engineering XIV***

**October 12-17, 1997**

**Beijing, China**

*Conference Chairs:*

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**Previous conferences in this series:**

***Enzyme Engineering XV***

**October 10-15, 1999**

**Kailua-Kona, Hawaii**

*Conference Chairs:*

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***Enzyme Engineering XVI***

**October 7-12, 2001**

**Potsdam, Germany**

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***Enzyme Engineering XVII***

**November 9-14, 2003**

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**October 9-14, 2005**

**Gyeong-ju, Korea**

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***Enzyme Engineering XIX***

**September 23-28, 2007**

**British Columbia, Canada**

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***Enzyme Engineering XX***

**September 20-24, 2009**

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***Enzyme Engineering XXII***

**September 22-26, 2013**

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***Enzyme Engineering XXIII***

**September 6-11, 2015**

**St. Petersburg, Florida, USA**

*Conference Chairs:*

Jon Dale Stewart, University of Florida

Robert DiCosimo, DuPont Industrial Biosciences

***Enzyme Engineering XXIV***

**September 24-28, 2017**

**Toulouse, France**

*Conference Chairs:*

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***Enzyme Engineering XXV***

**October 15-19, 2019**

**Whistler, British Columbia, Canada**

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***Enzyme Engineering XXVI***

**May 22-27, 2022**

**Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas**

*Conference Chairs:*

Andy Bommaris, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA

Vesna Mitchell, Codexis, USA

Doug Fuerst, GSK, USA



## Hak-Sung Kim – 2023 Enzyme Engineering Awardee



The 2023 Enzyme Engineering Award is given to Professor Hak-Sung Kim of the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST). Prof. Kim is honored with this award for his sustained groundbreaking research in the field of enzyme technology with a focus on the design of new biocatalysts, development of tools for advancing enzyme engineering, a role of conformational dynamics of enzyme, and integrating biocatalysis with metabolic engineering. His work has led to commercial processes among a large number of innovations, and he has been a leading figure in Korea, across Asia and in the worldwide enzyme technology/biocatalysis community in driving new discoveries and technologies.

Prof. Kim is a key driver in integrating biocatalysis with a wide range of disciplines, including synthetic and analytical chemistry, molecular biology and biochemistry, and metabolic pathway engineering. His publications are of both substance and impact, leading to revolutionary advances in enzyme engineering. He developed a unique methodology to graft functional elements onto enzymes to alter enzyme function, demonstrating the natural evolution process of enzymes. He also integrated molecular dynamics simulations and directed evolution into rational protein design, greatly enhancing the efficiency and success rate beyond independent rational and molecular evolution techniques. In addition, Prof. Kim has developed a wide array of important tools for the enzyme engineer. To advance molecular evolution and enzyme design, he developed an antisense RNA-based high-throughput screening system for directed evolution of quorum-quenching enzymes. This resulted in a significant reduction in false-positive rates, a critical problem in such screening methodologies. This approach resulted in advancing the integration of enzyme engineering with metabolic engineering, particularly the ability to rationally design a specific enzyme in a metabolic pathway to improve product yield.

He is the discoverer of “repebody”, which is a repeat protein scaffold consisting of varying numbers of consecutive homologous-structural modules of 20–40 amino acid residues with characteristic secondary structures. Armed with this structural knowledge, Prof. Kim developed repebody-drug conjugates with high selectivity and efficacy toward tumor cells, an immensely important field of emerging therapeutics today. Extending this approach, Prof. Kim targeted very specific disease-based proteins, and recently founded a start-up ProEn Therapeutics, which is targeting disease-related enzymes and tumor associated antigens for developing potential therapeutic agents against various diseases and cancers.

Prof. Kim also integrated enzyme design with complex molecular dynamics tools and demonstrated how protein dynamics dictate the binding and dissociation of a ligand through a single-molecule kinetic analysis of specific enzyme engineered mutants. Such a discovery provided direct evidence that protein conformational dynamics plays a crucial role in ligand binding and dissociation. Based on this finding, Prof. Kim engineered the **chorismate-pyruvate lyase** to relieve product inhibition by increasing the intrinsic dynamics of the enzyme. Sever product inhibition of the enzyme has limited its practical applications. The engineered enzyme has been successfully integrated into the shikimate pathway of *Corynebacterium glutamicum* to produce diverse aromatic compounds. Because the role of conformational dynamics in enzyme catalysis is still in early stage of study, those approaches are highly noteworthy in practice. Prof. Kim has been extremely productive, with 235 peer-reviewed publications and an inventor on 45 international patents/patent applications, many of which have been licensed to companies in Korea and elsewhere, and several leading to commercial processes.

He has graduated 62 Ph.D. students, thereby providing a pipeline of researchers in Korea and elsewhere in both academia and industry. Indeed, around 15 of his former Ph.D. students are now faculty members at top universities worldwide, and many former students are CEOs or senior directors at start-up ventures or large corporations. He has also made great contributions to the enzyme engineering profession. He organized the Enzyme Engineering XVIII meeting in 2005, which was the first of such meetings in Korea, and indeed, this meeting resulted in the tremendous growth of biocatalysis in Korea. He has served as president of the Korean Society of Enzyme Engineering. He served as chair of the 13<sup>th</sup> China-Japan-Korea Joint Symposium on Enzyme Engineering, which promotes collaboration and communication among East Asian enzyme engineering communities and between academia and industry. Finally, closer to home, he has taken on a series of critical leadership roles at KAIST, including serving as Dean of the College of Life Sciences and Bioengineering. Prof. Kim has received a great many awards of recognition from Korean government and KAIST as well as Korea scientific communities.

For these contributions, Engineering Conferences International is proud to award the 2023 Enzyme Engineering Award to Prof. Hak-Sung Kim of KAIST.

## Past Enzyme Engineering Awardees

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1985—HELSINGOR, DENMARK — KLAUS MOSBACH

1987—SANTA BARBARA, CA, USA — EPHRIAM KATCHALSKI-KATZIR

1989—KASHIKOJIMA, JAPAN — SABURO FUKUI

1991—KONA, HAWAII, USA — ALEX KLIBANOV

1993—DEAUVILLE, FRANCE — MALCOLM LILLY

1995—SAN DIEGO, CA, USA — MARIA-REGINA KULA / CHRISTIAN WANDREY

1997—BEIJING, CHINA — HARVEY BLANCH

1999—KONA, HAWAII, USA — CHI HUEY WONG

2001—POTSDAM, GERMANY — HIDEAKI YAMADA

2003—SANTA FE, NM, USA — JON DORDICK / DOUG CLARK

2005—GYEONG-JU, KOREA — DEWEY RYU

2007—HARRISON HOT SPRINGS, BC, CANADA — FRANCES H. ARNOLD

2009 – GRONINGEN, THE NETHERLANDS — SAKAYU SHIMIZU

2011 – VAIL, COLORADO, USA — DAVID ESTELL

2013 – TOYAMA, JAPAN — YASUHISA ASANO

2015 – ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, USA – DAN TAWFIK

2017 – TOULOUSE, FRANCE – PIERRE MONSAN

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**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

15:00 Conference check-in  
18:00 – 21:00 Welcome Reception & Dinner

**NOTES**

- *Technical Sessions will be held in the Grand Ballroom 2-3.*
- *Poster Sessions will be held in Grand Ballroom 1.*
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## **Monday, October 2, 2023**

- 06:00 – 08:00 Breakfast
- 08:30 – 08:45 Chairs welcome and opening remarks
- 08:45 – 09:30 **Opening Plenary Talk**  
Chair: Zhi Li  
**Bacterial Phosphorothioate DNA Modification: New Defense Systems and Perspective Uses**  
Zi Xin Deng, Shanghai Jiaotong University, China
- Session 1: Computational Tools for Enzyme Engineering**  
Chair: Irmantas Rokaitis  
*Sponsored by Biomatter Designs, UAB*
- 09:30 – 10:10 **Keynote**  
**Soluble expression of genes for enzymes in Escherichia coli**  
Yasuhisa Asano, Toyama Prefectural University, Japan
- 10:10 – 10:40 Coffee Break (*Sponsored by Hzymes Biotechnology Co., Ltd*)
- 10:40 – 11:10 **Invited Talk**  
**CATALYZING GREEN CHEMISTRY: In silico protocols for the efficient discovery and design of industrial enzymes**  
Marina Canellas, Zymvol Biomodeling, Spain
- 11:10 – 11:40 **Invited Talk**  
**Expanding the enzymatic toolbox with de novo protein design**  
Indrek Kalvet, University of Washington, USA
- 11:40 – 12:00 **Computational redesign of functional enzymes**  
Bian Wu, Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
- 12:00 – 12:20 **Machine-learning based prediction of glycosyltransferase substrates**  
Ditte Welner, Technical University of Denmark, Denmark
- 12:20 – 13:30 Lunch & Networking
- Session 2: New Technologies for Enzyme Engineering**  
Chair: Vesna Mitchell  
*Sponsored by Codexis*
- 13:30 – 14:10 **Keynote**  
**Enzymatic recycling of plastics**  
Uwe Bornscheuer, University of Greifswald, Germany
- 14:10 – 14:40 **Invited Talk**  
**Exploring transaminase stability for biocatalysis**  
Per Berglund, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden
- 14:40 – 15:00 **A growth selection system for the directed evolution of amine-forming or converting enzymes**  
Shuke Wu, Huazhong Agricultural University, China
- 15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

**Monday, October 2, 2023 (continued)**

- 15:30 – 16:00      **Invited Talk**  
**The Engineering of Directed Evolution**  
Jeff Moore, Merck & Co., Inc., USA
- 16:00 – 16:20      **Discovery and engineering of nylon hydrolases for PA66 recycling**  
Joshua Michener, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA
- 16:20 – 16:40      **Enzyme discovery and specificity fingerprints by analysis of correlated positions in CAZy family GH65**  
Emma De Beul, Ghent University, Belgium
- 16:40 – 17:00      **Molecular mechanisms of nucleases: A single-molecule perspective**  
Bo Sun, Shanghai University of Science and Technology, China
- 18:00 – 22:00      **Standing Dinner & Poster Session (Odd-numbered posters to be presented)**

## Tuesday, October 3, 2023

06:00 – 08:00 Breakfast

### Session 3: Novel Enzymes

Chairs: Andy Bommarius & Jun Ogawa

08:30 – 09:10

#### **Keynote**

#### **b-NAD as a Building Block in Natural Product Biosynthesis**

Ikuro Abe, The University of Tokyo, Japan

09:10 – 09:40

#### **Invited Talk**

#### **2-Hydroxyacyl-CoA synthases enable C1-based orthogonal biomanufacturing**

Ramon Gonzalez, Mojia Biotech, Singapore

09:40 – 10:10

#### **Invited Talk**

#### **Enzyme engineering of glutamate dehydrogenase for production of L-amino acids**

Li-Rong Yang, Zhejiang University, China

10:10 – 10:40

Coffee Break (**Sponsored by the Japanese Society of Enzyme Engineering**)

10:40 – 11:10

#### **Invited Talk**

#### **Novel enzymes from the biosynthetic pathways of anthraquinone-fused enediynes**

Zhaoxun Liang, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

11:10 – 11:30

#### **Discovery, evolution and synthetic applications of enzymes for chiral oxygen-containing compounds**

Yong-Zheng Chen, Zunyi Medical University, China

11:30 – 11:50

#### **Unlocking biocatalytic acylations by enzyme repurposing and engineering for amide synthesis**

Christian Schnepel, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden

11:50 – 12:10

#### **Hydroxynitrile lyase engineering for promiscuous diastereoselective synthesis of $\beta$ -nitroalcohols**

Santosh Kumar Padhi, University of Hyderabad, India

12:10 – 13:30

Lunch & Networking

### Session 4: Enzyme Engineering in Synthetic Biology

Chairs: Zhaoxun Liang and Robert Kourist

13:30 – 14:10

#### **Keynote**

#### **Enzyme engineering for synthetic biology**

Huimin Zhao, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

14:10 – 14:40

#### **Invited Talk**

#### **Enzyme Engineering in Synthetic Biology**

Pimchai Chaiyen, Vidyasirimedhi Institute of Science and Technology, Thailand

14:40 – 15:00

#### **Immobilized biocatalytic process to prepare enantiopure pregabalin intermediate using engineered hydantoinase**

Haibin Chen, Enzymaster (Ningbo) Bio-Engineering Co., Ltd., China



**Tuesday, October 3, 2023 (continued)**

- 15:00 – 15:30            Coffee Break
- 15:30 – 16:10            **Keynote**  
**Engineering Hydroxylase and Ketoreductase Activity, Selectivity, and Stability for a Scalable Concise Synthesis of Belzutifan**  
Stephanie Galanie, Merck & Co., Inc., USA
- 16:10 – 16:40            **Invited Talk**  
 **$\alpha,\alpha$ -Disubstituted  $\alpha$ -amino acid metabolism including a novel three-component non-heme diiron monooxygenase system**  
Jun Ogawa, Kyoto University, Japan
- 16:40 – 17:00            **Methanol-driven and non-natural redox cofactor mediated biocatalysis**  
Zongbao Zhao, Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
- 18:00 – 22:00            Standing Dinner & **Poster Session (Even-numbered posters to be presented)**

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

06:00 – 08:00 Breakfast

**Session 5: Enzyme Engineering for Medical Application**

Chairs: Yongzheng Chen & Bian Wu

08:30 – 09:10

**Keynote**

**Accelerating Discovery of Substrate Promiscuity in Biocatalyzed Oxidations**

Joelle Pelletier, University of Montreal, Canada

09:10 – 09:40

**Invited Talk**

**Evolution of highly efficient T7 RNA polymerase for mRNA production using aptamer-based fluorescence-activated droplet sorting**

Guang-Yu Yang, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

09:40 – 10:00

**TBA**

Wei Leong Chew, Genome Institute of Singapore, A\*STAR, Singapore

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:00

**Invited Talk**

**Accessing bacterial dark matter for improved enzyme discovery and engineering**

David Ackerley, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

11:00 – 11:30

**The use of in silico analysis to engineer the best immunogenic epitope and produce the corresponding prophylactic antigen-based vaccines with C1 production platform in order to rapidly respond to viral pandemics**

Ronen Tchelet, Dyadic International, Inc., USA

11:30 – 11:50

**An engineered gastrointestinally stable microbial leucine decarboxylase for potential treatment of maple syrup urine disease**

Chinping Chng, Codexis, Inc., USA

11:50 – 13:10

Lunch and Networking

**Session 6: Process Engineering**

Chair: Pimchai Chaiyen

13:10 – 13:50

**Keynote**

**Studying the effect of industrial operating conditions on enzyme kinetics and stability**

John Woodley, Technical University of Denmark, Denmark

13:50 – 14:30

**Keynote**

**Biocatalyst optimization for process conditions**

Andreas Bommarius, Georgia Institute of Technology, USA

14:30 – 14:50

**Process enhancement of enzyme-catalyzed reactions based on micro- and nano-reactors**

Yunpeng Bai, East China University of Science and Technology, China

14:50 – 15:15

Coffee Break

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023 (continued)**

**Session 7: Industry Session**

Chair: Kostas Vavitsas

- 15:15 – 15:35      **Next-Gen Enzyme Engineering – Fusing holistic wet lab data generation with artificial intelligence to identify and recombine key point mutations for superior enzyme performance**  
David Schönauer, Aminoverse, the Netherlands
- 15:35 – 15:55      **Transforming protein engineering: advanced integration of deep learning and 3DM technology for superior protein function predictions**  
Henk-Jan Joosten, Bio-Product BV, the Netherlands
- 15:55 – 16:15      **ENZYME ENGINEERING AT ALMAC: Case studies of enzyme discovery and engineering**  
Alexandra Carvalho, Almac Sciences, UK
- 16:15 – 17:00      **Panel Discussion (Hosted by Allozymes)**
- 17:30                  Optional guided excursion to Night Safari with dinner and tour included or a night on your own to explore Singapore.

## **Thursday, October 5, 2023**

- 06:00 – 08:00 Breakfast
- Session 8: Enzyme Engineering for Sustainability**  
Chairs: David Ackerley, Per Berglund and Jeff Moore
- 08:30 – 09:10 **Keynote**  
**Pet recycling: From enzyme and process optimization to an industrial plant**  
Alain Marty, Carbios, France
- 09:10 – 09:40 **Invited Talk**  
**Sustainability and oxidase biocatalysis – An overview**  
Stephanie Burton, University of Pretoria, South Africa
- 09:40 – 10:00 **Engineering an artificial pathway for Cis-alpha-irone biosynthesis**  
Xixian Chen, Singapore Institute of Food and Biotechnology Innovation (SIFBI), Singapore
- 10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 11:10 **Keynote**  
**Enzyme reactions for biocolors**  
ByungGee Kim, Seoul National University, South Korea
- 11:10 – 11:40 **Invited Talk**  
**Repurposing Biology through Synthetic Enzymology – For Human and Planetary Health**  
Wen Shan Yew, National University of Singapore, Singapore
- 11:40 – 12:10 **Invited Talk**  
**Enzyme engineering of a membrane-bound monooxygenase as key step of an artificial metabolic pathway towards Tulipalin A**  
Robert Kourist, Austrian Centre of Industrial Biotechnology, Austria
- 12:10 – 13:30 Lunch & Networking
- 13:30 – 13:50 **Next-generation plastic degrading enzymes**  
Sierin Lim, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- 13:50 – 14:10 **Efficient synthesis of steroid drugs enabled by engineered P450 monooxygenases**  
Aitao Li, Hubei University, China
- 14:10 – 14:30 **Progressive enzyme engineering for rapid discovery of a detergent protease with enhanced sustainability and cleaning performance benefits**  
Thomas Graycar, International Flavors & Fragrances, USA
- Poster Talks**
- 14:30 – 14:40 Announcement of Winners of the Poster Competition
- 14:40 – 14:55 Winner 1
- 14:55 – 15:10 Winner 2

**Thursday, October 5, 2023 (continued)**

15:10 – 15:25 Winner 3

15:25 – 16:00 Coffee Break

**Enzyme Engineering Award Presentation and Lecture**

16:00 – 16:10 Introduction and Presentation of the Enzyme Engineering Award

16:10 – 17:00 **Enzyme Engineering Award Lecture**  
Hak Sung Kim, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST),  
South Korea

18:00 – 21:00 Reception and Banquet

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

06:00 – 08:00

Breakfast

## Poster Presentations

1. **Engineering bacterial nitroreductases for anticancer gene therapy and targeted cell ablation**  
Abigail Sharrock, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
2. **Basecamp Research: Predictive enzyme development through nature and AI**  
Ahir Pushpanath, Basecamp Research, United Kingdom
3. **Metagenomic discovery and directed evolution of genes that defend against chemotherapeutics**  
Alexandria Linton-de Boer, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
4. **The effect of ionic strength on the kinetic stability of NADH oxidase in a bubble column**  
Amalie Vang Høst, Technical University of Denmark, Denmark
5. **Engineering a biocatalytic platform for modified oligonucleotide production**  
Anders Knight, Codexis, USA
6. **Improving KMO via enzyme engineering for industrially competitive oxidases**  
Ariadna Pié Porta, Technical University of Denmark, Denmark
7. **Flavin-N5OOH: A most powerful nucleophile and base in nature**  
Binju Wang, Xiamen University, China
8. **Engineering a hyperactive TcBuster transposase for efficient gene delivery for cell therapy applications**  
Bryan Jones, Bio-Techne, USA
9. **Laboratory evolution of a fungal heme-thiolate enzyme promoting peroxidase or peroxygenase activity**  
Carsten Pichler, Graz University of Technology, Austria
10. **Post-transcriptional association of proteins to study spatial organisation within multi-enzyme complexes**  
Cédric Montanier, TBI, Université de Toulouse, CNRS, INRAE, INSA, France
11. **Nature-inspired engineering of an artificial RNA ligase created by in vitro selection**  
Cher Ling Tong, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, USA
12. **Controlling enantioselectivity of limonene synthases by exploring natural diversity combined to molecular engineering**  
Clement Pierre Marcel Scipion, CNRS@CREATE, Singapore
13. **Next-gen enzyme engineering – A wet lab data-driven approach to identify and recombine key point mutations with EnzyMAP AI and EnzyREC AI for superior enzyme performance**  
David Schoenauer, Aminoverse B.V., Netherlands
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