BBS Annual Meeting 2026

Quantitative drug development in the age of AI

Date and Time

November 10, 2026, 14:00-18:00

Venue: virtual **Costs:** free

Please note that the event, previously advertised as hybrid, will now be held entirely online; attendees can participate virtually.

Registration: Registration is required for attendance, please click here to access the registration form.

Organizers:
Baldur Magnusson (UCB), Lilla Di Scala (J&J), Aiesha Zia (Novartis), Jack Kuipers (ETH Zürich), Hans Ulrich Burger (Medical University Graz)

Objective of the meeting:
The 2026 Annual Meeting explores how AI is changing the quantitative drug developer's work and value. Presentations from AI experts, academia, industry, and the next generation will lead into a panel discussion on what we can do ***now*** to get ready. The question we tackle is: **how will AI reshape the role and value proposition of statisticians and quantitative experts in the future?**

The meeting will be followed (17:30-18:00) by the BBS Annual Meeting. All participants are invited to join in.

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Program

TIME	SPEAKER	TITLE
14:00 – 14:05	**Lilla Di Scala** **Baldur Magnusson**	Welcome
14:05 – 14:15	**Aiesha Zia**	Session introduction
14:15 – 14:40	**Alexandre Templier** *Founder & Chair, EURAICA*	Architects of Evidence or Validators of Black Boxes? Redefining Statistical Leadership in the Age of AI
14:40 – 15:05	**Franz König** *Medical University of Vienna*	AI - Gekommen um zu bleiben: Relief, Revolution, or Replacement
15:05 – 15:30	**Federico Mattiello & Laurent-Philippe Albou** *Roche*	How synthetic data generation algorithms might help augment traditional RCT: a use case
15:30 – 16:00	Break	
16:00 – 16:25	**Peter Krusche** *Novartis*	GenAI and Statistics: Effectively Using GenAI Tools for Quantitative Work
16:25 – 16:50	**Christian Schmid** *Roche*	Statistical Frameworks for Computerized Validation of Generative AI
16:50 – 17:30	**Panel discussion**	Moderator: Aiesha Zia
17:30 – 18:00	**General assembly**	Council members required; anyone from BBS mailing list welcome