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**LBSP Updates January 2024**

The Leiden Bio Science Park (LBSP) stands as the leading Life Sciences and Health campus in the Netherlands. Home to over 400 specialized businesses, labs and institutions, with over 22.000 Life Sciences professionals, LBSP is where groundbreaking research meets state-of-the-art facilities, all in the pursuit of solving global health and environmental challenges.



## Upcoming Life Sciences Café

**Join us on February 15th for a drink and bite and meet your peers!**

Every third Thursday of the month, our Life Science Café occurs at Grand Café De Stal. In this event, entrepreneurs, education, research, government, and the community come together, focusing on Life Science & Health, networking, and forming new connections.

It's a wonderful mixture of people who have been active for years at the Leiden Bio Science Park, individuals from the Life Science & Health ecosystem, and a place where students and young startups feel welcome and at home.

With brief updates from the Leiden Bio Science Park and short pitches from startups a.o. [Whispp](#) and [ExCulture](#) in our ecosystem, there's plenty of opportunity to make new contacts and strengthen old ties. We sincerely hope to see you here regularly and to inspire you!

Our next Life Science Café will be held on Thursday, February 15th. Early birds are welcome from 16:00 and we ask you to ensure walk-in at 16.30 so we can start the presentations at 17.00! You can register via the link below.

Interested in pitching? Reach out to us at [office@LBSP.nl](mailto:office@LBSP.nl).

**[Register here](#)**

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## Upcoming TechTalk on February 27th : Microbiomics & Industrial Applications

Join us at the next editions of the LBSP Tech Talks, an event where we'll explore microbiomics and its industrial applications.

Over 90 participants joined our last session on AI and data science's transformative impact on Life Sciences and Health and the next edition promises to be equally engaging!

As at every TechTalk, we envision time to strengthen the network and to facilitate you meeting new people in the park with similar interests, skills, and mindsets. This event promises to foster fresh collaborations among parties with similar and complementary expertise. Meet new people, share knowledge and ideas and start new collaborations!

As always the walk-in is at 15.15, we start the pitches at 15.30, and start networking with a drink at 17.00!

**Register now and secure your seat for February 27th!**

**[Register here](#)**



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# Help Shape The



## Share your ideas for the Life Sciences & Health Week '24!

This year, LBSP is joining forces with its partners to bring you a renewed Life Sciences & Health (LSH) week! The week will take place from 22- 29 June, 2024 at and around the Leiden Bio Science Park. The week is for everyone from age 0 to 100 who wants to explore what groundbreaking discoveries influence our health on a daily basis: from access to exclusive labs, to mobile psychology lab on wheels to lectures about the human body and more.

Moreover, the week provides a solid set of events for specific target audiences: from students to researchers, from young professionals and innovators to policy makers. Whether you're a startup or an established institution: we invite you to join forces with us and leverage this momentum to reach your audience: for instance by organising your own event or participating in the Leiden Bio Science Park Open Day!

Get in touch with Kartika Sidabutar ([ksidabutar@lbsp.nl](mailto:ksidabutar@lbsp.nl)) to discuss possibilities and get invited for the partner kickoff in February!

**Email now**

Entrepreneur Story



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# Ready to Launch Your Own Business?

Discover the insights of Violette Defourt, Founder of Rapidemic and Erwin Haas, Founder of Landscape AI.

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creating value with AI



Rapidemic

## Startup Story: Landscape & Rapidemic

As an aspiring entrepreneur, it can be overwhelming to know where to begin. This article shares the experiences of two successful entrepreneurs, Erwin Haas from [Landscape AI](#) and Violette Defourt from [Rapidemic](#). They each established their own companies in different fields and offered their insights and experiences on starting a company.

Want to see more of the park's entrepreneurs? Follow Leiden Bio Science Park for more inspiring stories.

[Read the full story](#)



## Join LBSP at the Leiden Science Career Event

Connect with the brightest young minds in science at the Bètabanenmarkt, Leiden's Science Career Event. This year the Leiden Bio Science Park offers the possibility for SME's (small and medium enterprises) to join our booth at no cost. Engage with over 1300 highly educated and driven science students, explore potential collaborations, and position your organization for future success by tapping into Leiden's pool of science talent.

Remember, spaces at the LBSP booth are limited, so connect with [tremijn@lbsp.nl](mailto:tremijn@lbsp.nl) if you'd like to participate and get more details.

[Email now](#)



## LBSP Welcomes QurAlis

We are thrilled to announce that the American biotechnology company QurAlis has chosen Leiden as the location for its European headquarters. Specializing in the development of medications for ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) and a specific form of dementia, QurAlis is at the forefront of combating neurodegenerative diseases. Their innovative work includes two therapeutic substances designed to inhibit the degeneration of nerve cells.

QurAlis, a significant addition to the dynamic Leiden Bio Science Park, was founded in 2019 around the research of Harvard Professor Kevin Eggan, who discovered that ALS is linked to a deficiency of the body protein STMN2. This led to the development of a treatment that can supplement this shortfall.

The choice of Leiden as its European HQ shows that our LSH campus's extensive resources and vibrant scientific community make it an ideal hub for innovation and development in biotech. Please help us welcome QurAlis to Leiden. We look forward to the scientific knowledge that their presence promises.

[View press release](#)



## **Interview: Economic engine of the region**

A green innovation district, featuring a mix of residential, business, and hospitality spaces, and a hub for entrepreneurship and collaboration; that is the Leiden Bio Science Park. The Netherlands' largest biotechnological knowledge campus is experiencing tremendous growth. Just before its fortieth anniversary, our new director Esther Peters and chairman Bas Reichert of the entrepreneurs' association look ahead.

[\*\*Read the full article\*\*](#)

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## **Upcoming Events**

**Whether you're a scientist, entrepreneur, student, policy maker, or simply a Life Sciences enthusiast, join us at an LBSP event – where science, innovation, and community connect.**

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## **5/2 Breakfast meeting Randstad: Looking at Talent Differently**

Ruben de Graaf, Director of Randstad Inhouse Services, Natascha van der Laan, Manager of Randstad Training Programs, and Inge Postma, Sales Manager for Education, will update you on this topic along two themes: employer branding and training.

[More info.](#)

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## **6/2 Meet & Eat - Special Edition**

We invite you to a one-of-a-kind event, jointly hosted by **QbD and Kadans Science Partner**, where we will delve **into the world of Digital Health**. We'll uncover the challenges, opportunities, and emerging trends in both MedTech and Biotech.

[More info.](#)

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## **8/2 Science Meets Business Café**

SMB is back after the winter break! Check out our amazing speakers and sign up and we promise you will have a great time among other science nerds, entrepreneurs and people who go lengths for a free beer. As always, the event is free, including the drinks!

[More info.](#)

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## **15/2 Life Sciences Café**

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## **22/2 Gulliver: Finals**

Gulliver's mission is simple: to support bold adventurers every step of the way. Our activities are crowned by the business plan competition, in which we hand €10.000,- cash to the winner for kickstarting their venture. We invite you to join us for the final!

[More info.](#)

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### **25/2 ATMP's: from idea to patient care**

We cordially invite you to a thematic Life Long Learning session by CIV Bio Sciences partner Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC)

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### **27/2 Tech Talk - Microbiomics: Industrial Applications**

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### **29/2 Sharper Insights: Automated Microscopy and AI-based Image Analysis**

Looking to deepen your understanding of microscopy, specifically tailored for experts in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries? Join us for our exclusive workshop, collaboratively organized by Nikon and Kadans.

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### **20/3 Leiden Science Career Event**

The Bètabanenmarkt (Dutch for Science Career Event) has facilitated easy interaction between employers and science students in Leiden for over 40 years. We organize one major event every year and some smaller focused events like the Bio Science Park Excursion. Besides the events, we advocate for the career orientation of science students in Leiden.

[More info.](#)

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### **23/4 Digital Science & Innovation Day**

Join us for an enriching half-day experience in Leiden as Benchling and Kadans Science Partner host the Digital Science & Innovation Day, a free event dedicated to R&D Digital Transformation.

[More info.](#)

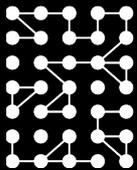


## Help Shape The Future Of The Leiden Central Station Area

We need your input on mobility around Leiden Central Station; one of the key gateways into the Leiden Bio Science Park! Your participation is vital in shaping 'Knooppunt Leiden Centraal' into a space that embodies our community's vision and needs. Join us in this transformative journey and contribute to the future of Leiden.

At Leiden Bio Science Park, we are thrilled to support the initiative to shape the future of Knooppunt Leiden Centraal, and we invite our community of residents, entrepreneurs, and stakeholders to participate in this exciting process. Whether you'd like to share your opinion on public routes, last mile utilities, or (bicycle)parking, we're inviting you to contribute.

[Learn how you can contribute](#)



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