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## **Cluster Meeting of Gala Technology 2023**

May·08-10,·2023. → → → → ···Venue:·Shinagawa·Prince·Hotel,·Tokyo,·Japan.



#### **Opening Ceremony**

Time: 09:00-09:10, May 8, 2023 (Monday); Place: Aquamarine, 32F, Shinagawa Prince Hotel

#### **Keynote Forum**



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Moderator	Dr. Arne Staby, Scientific VP, Novo Nordisk A/S, Denmark
09:10-09:15	Moderator's Introduction
09:15-09:40	Title: Homeostatic and Pathogenic Roles of Ganglioside GM3 Molecular Species Dr. Jin-ichi Inokuchi, Professor, Osaka University, Japan
09:40-10:05	Title: How to Make the Bio Revolution a Reality? How will Bayer Become one of the Leaders in Cell and Gene Therapies? Dr. Wolfram Carius, Executive Vice President, Bayer AG, Germany
10:05-10:30	Title: AI, Digital Revolution & New Avenues in Drug Discovery Dr. Hans Leuenberger, Former Executive Vice President of the Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences; Prof. Emeritus in Pharm. Technology (University of Basel) at the University of Florida, USA

Dear colleagues, dear ladies and gentlemen,

- First let me thank the organizing committee of this cluster event inviting me, to open this impressive Gala Technology 2023 events in Tokyo and to deliver the Keynote Forum Lecture *«Artificial Intelligence, Digital Revolution, and New Avenues in Drug Discovery».*
- In addition, let me thank Dr. Arne Staby being in charge of moderating the Keynote Forum for introducing to you the invited Keynote speakers. It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome all of you to celebrate with you Japan's wonderful golden week and to join us enjoying with more than two hundred well known speakers and attendees exciting new discoveries in the area of Drug Delivery Systems, Drug Discovery Science & Technology and innovative ideas presented during the Global Summit of Cancer Frontier 2023.

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Today we all meet in Tokyo, in Japan, a country known for a successful integration of the country's fascinating cultural traditions with modern high-tech achievements. The Gala technology 2023 Cluster events take place on May 8-10 in Tokyo and on May 17-20 in Osaka. In addition, the latter includes the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of Nano Science & Technology, the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on AnalytiX, Smart Devices Symposium, Inaugurate World Chemistry Congress 2023, World Congress of Physics Frontier & World Energy Congress. Thus, the Gala Technology events are an excellent platform for solving problems leading to a fascinating cooperation of scientists with a different background in science, technology, and culture. Japan with its famous hospitality is an excellent meeting place for successful networking bringing together scientists from different global regions having a different background.

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The Gala Technology 2023 topics cover a broad range from basic research to applications involving scientific issues, manufacturing, new materials, electronics, medical, biotechnological, energy and environmental problems. The Gala Technology 2023 presentations will bring benefits for all participants, working in these fields and strengthening cooperation among them. This is my vision of a faster development for a better, and more sustainable world.

Enjoy your stay in Japan!

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Hans Leuenberger, Honorary Member of the Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences (SATW), Former Executive SATW Vice President and former President of the SATW Scientific Council.