

11<sup>th</sup> edition

Life science

career day 2023

Launch your career, broaden your horizons

conference e-booklet

# our suggestions to get the most out of the day!

You may have various reasons for attending the Life Science Career Day: curiosity, need for career orientation, desire to prepare yourself for the next steps, or the immediate search for a job. All are excellent reasons to come!

Whatever the motive, to make the most of the day, we advise you the following:

- Jobs in the life sciences are very diverse, and to choose the right one, we invite you to ask yourself four questions: 1. What do I like to do? 2. What areas interest me? 3. How do I like to work (workplace culture)? 4. Which dreams/values/aspects/challenges are most important to me and which are secondary? What really motivates me? The 2023 programme is specially designed to help you answer these questions, so follow us from A to Z!
- Read a few days in advance our booklet to get an idea of the invited speakers, organisations and companies you want to meet during the day: you will have real opportunities to talk to them during the networking sessions (no need however to plan the meetings in beforehand)!
- Networking is an art! But keeping in touch is an even greater art! After a very good discussion with someone, how to stay in touch? It might be helpful to have your LinkedIn profile up to date to connect with people you've interacted with. You can also come with a business card or with a short resume (for recruiters & companies). This will make you look very professional! And your interlocutor will perhaps exchange her/his business card with you too to stay in touch after the event.
- Regarding your resume, you can get [here](#) some advice on how to prepare it and/or have it proofread by professionals all year long on university campuses. Note that university career unities will not offer any CV check during the Life Science Career Day: career consultations may require a quiet space and time, it is better to do this process in their headquarters (all year long and for free).
- As an alternative and with a different approach, we propose a chat with a recruitment professional (organized by our partner Talendo in collaboration with oprandi & partner): come with your resume and get valuable feedback from the « private sector »! This exercise is recommended for those who have a clear idea of their professional choices and who want to give themselves a chance to talk to a professional working in the private sector.
- Finally, to complete this rich program, you can also choose to have your CV photo taken with AliaPhoto.

Importantly, the program 2023 also features lectures, live interviews, company presentations, a roundtable discussion, and a career empowerment session in the main auditorium. The sessions are interactive, there will be a time to take your questions too!

We look forward to sharing the LSCD experience with you on May 16th at the SwissTech Convention Center!



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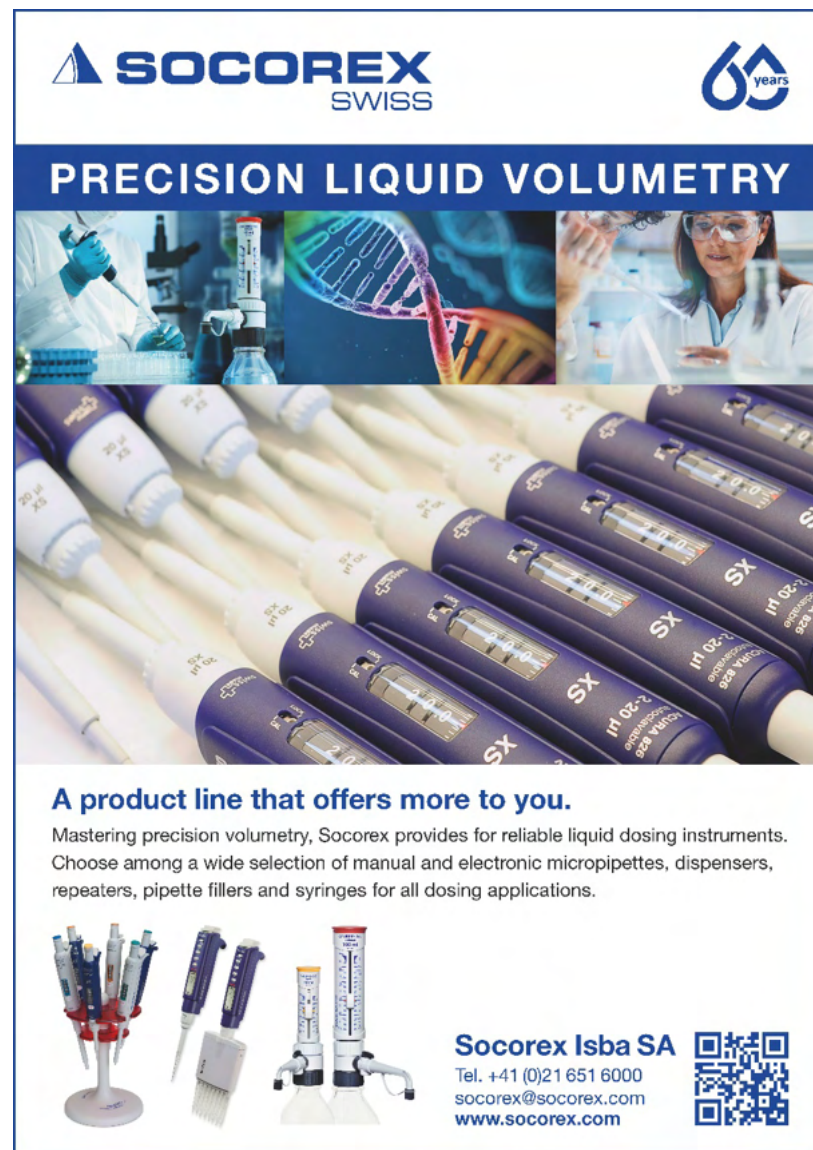
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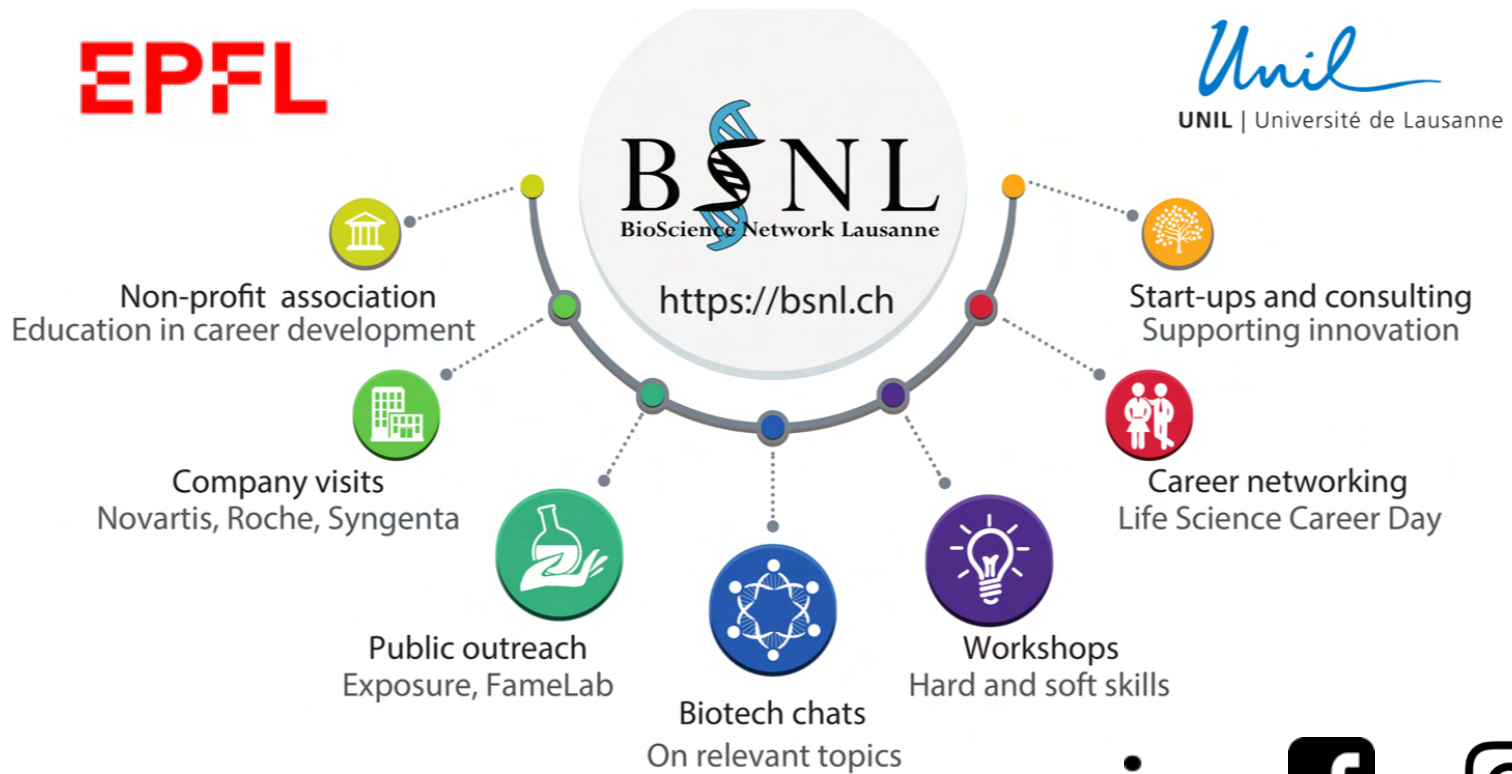
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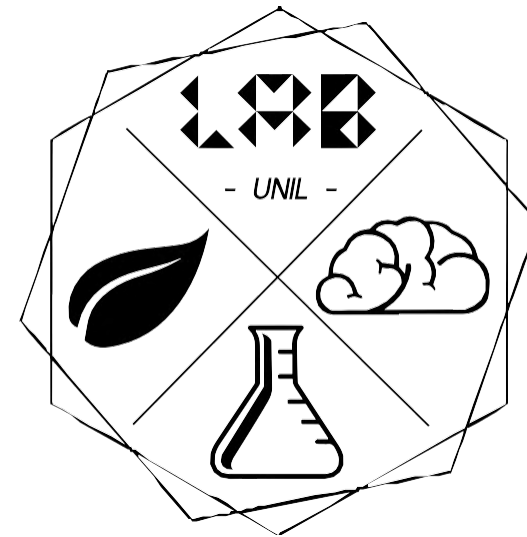
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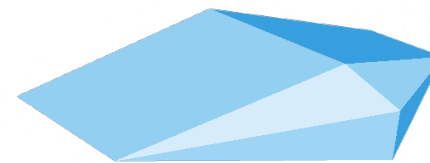
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## 9<sup>00</sup> – 10<sup>10</sup> Session 1 – Opening ceremony (Auditorium B)

### Career options within life sciences... How diverse!

#### With

- Carina Schey, International public speaker and coach in effective communication and leadership, Moderator of the day
- Lucie Sprecher, Scientific Collaborator, [Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology](#)  
Public service: monitoring river restoration projects in collaboration with the Federal Office for the Environment
- Romain Bodinier, Equity Analyst, [AtonRâ Partners](#) (First Prize UNIGE 2019, My thesis in 180 seconds)  
Private sector: scouting new technologies & trends in the healthcare sector (biotech and bionics sectors)

#### Introduction

- Niko Geldner, Professor in Plant Molecular Biology, Director of the Doctoral School FBM, UNIL

## 10<sup>25</sup> - 11<sup>15</sup> Session 2 (Auditorium B)

### Life sciences communities in the spotlight

#### With

- [Biopôle](#) and [valais4you](#)
- **Catwalk / Flash presentations:** start-ups, companies & organisations will have one minute to introduce themselves and you will benefit from advice to prepare your pitch when you join them in the hall.

## 11<sup>15</sup> Lunch & Networking (Hall)

### Company booths & exhibitors (all day)

Services for those who are about to apply for a job, mandatory registration at the CV Desk, 8.45-10.00, limited number of places:

- Photo Booth with [AliaPhoto](#) (all day); add the perfect touch to your resume with a professional headshot.
- Chat with a recruitment professional with [Talendo](#) in collaboration with [oprandi & partner](#): come with your resume and get valuable feedback from the “private sector”! This exercise is recommended for those who have a clear idea of their professional goals.

## 13<sup>15</sup> – 14<sup>05</sup> Session 3 (Auditorium B)

Working in the private sector: four companies are here to introduce themselves and answer your questions!

- [Mckinsey & Company](#)
- [Eli Lilly](#)
- [Debiopharm](#)
- [Medidee \(now part of Veranex\)](#)

## 14<sup>10</sup> – 15<sup>30</sup> Session 4 (Auditorium B)

First job & career: dive into diverse workplace cultures!

With

- Andrzej Kurenda, Chief Scientific Officer, [Vivent](#)
- Céline Müller, Scientific Collaborator, [Forest, Nature and Landscape Service of the State of Valais](#)
- Cherise Bothma, Global Industrial Project Engineering Capability and Performance Manager, [Nestlé](#)
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**15<sup>30</sup> - 16<sup>45</sup> Networking & Career orientation (Hall)**

**Career options within life sciences... How diverse!**

With more than 30 alumni and invited speakers working in a wide variety of fields (public, parapublic & private sectors). More information: page 34.

**16<sup>45</sup> – 18<sup>00</sup> Session 5: Career empowerment (Auditorium B)**

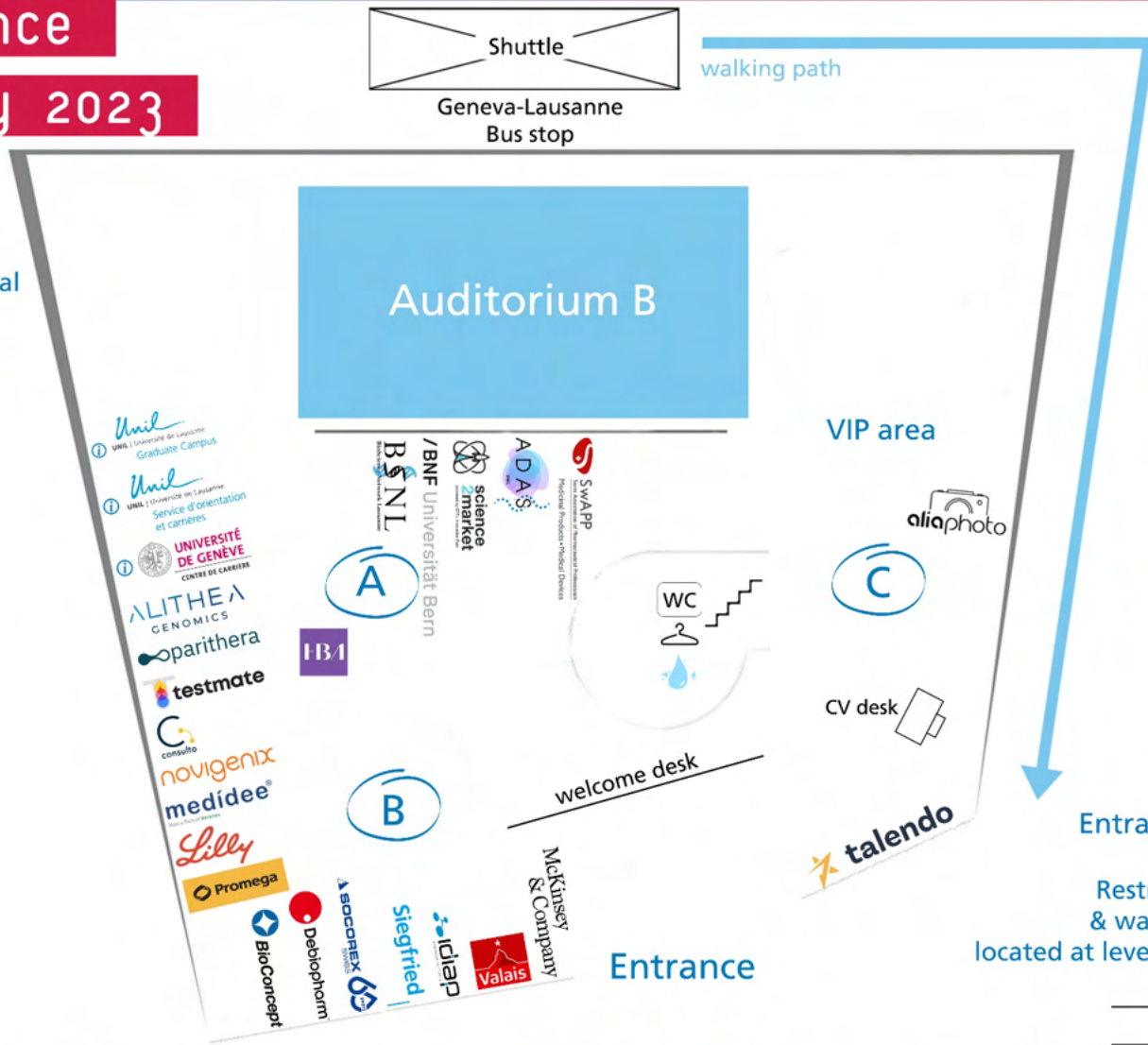
**Career anchors: a tool to navigate through your job search**

With

Natacha Wicht, HR expert and Career blogger [Fresh out of studies](#)

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Zones A, B, C are dedicated to the special networking & career orientation session with the alumni (15:30-16:45)



Entrance is at level 1  
Restroom, cloakroom & water fountains are located at level 0 (garden level)

find all companies & organisations at a glance!

'choose a job you love, and you will never  
have to work a day in your life.'

- confucius

# Session 1 (Auditorium B, 9<sup>00</sup>-10<sup>10</sup>)

## Career options within life sciences... How diverse!

What are the job opportunities for scientists in the private, nonprofit and public sectors? In this session, Carina Schey will present an overview of diverse and motivating professional perspectives and give you some tips to make the most of the day. To better illustrate her point, Carina will also introduce two alumni who choose not to pursue an academic career and who managed to find the right job in challenging environments. Their strategies & approaches will be revealed during a dynamic and fun interview.

## Moderator of the day



**Carina Schey**

International public speaker & coach in effective communication and leadership

Carina Schey is a Health Economist with a particular focus on developing alternative ways of assessing the value-add of treatments for rare diseases. She uses her public speaking skills to be the voice of the many for whom treatments are not available. Aside from her many published peer-reviewed articles, her notable professional speaking engagements include the European Parliament, Patients' Rights Day, and other professional conferences. Carina sits on the expert panels for rare diseases and on the scientific advisory panels for several charities, and as non-executive director for healthcare organisations.



## Speakers of the Opening Ceremony



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Scientific Collaborator, Eawag

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## Welcoming words



**Niko Geldner**

Director of the Doctoral School FBM and Ordinary Professor, Head of The Geldner Lab, Department of Plant Molecular Biology (DBMV), UNIL

### Endorsing the Life Science Career Day

Niko Geldner is a researcher, professor and director of the Doctoral School of the Faculty of Biology and Medicine of UNIL. In 2021, he received an ERC Advanced grant to work on the elucidation of root-bacteria interaction at high spatial resolution. Niko is an EMBO member since 2017 and was elected AAAS Fellow in 2021. Committed to doctoral education, he fully supports the Life Science Career Day initiative that is organized by the Doctoral School in collaboration with the Bioscience Network Lausanne association. Niko Geldner received his PhD from the University of Tuebingen.

# Session 2 (Auditorium B, 10<sup>25</sup>-11<sup>15</sup>)

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With:

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- [Valais4you](#)



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# Session 3 (Auditorium B, 13<sup>15</sup>-14<sup>00</sup>)

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## Session 4 (Auditorium B, 14<sup>10</sup>-15<sup>30</sup>)

first job & career  
dive into diverse workplace cultures!

## First job and career: Dive into diverse workplace cultures!

*This round table will give you a better idea of what a workplace/corporate culture is, its purpose and why it is so important to understand it when considering your professional choices and preparing for a job interview or career change. Motivation, integration in a team, values, management style, work environment, life balance, happiness at work: let's talk about it!*

### Short introduction to workplace/corporate culture

A workplace/corporate culture is not necessarily evident from the outset. It embodies the values and beliefs of an organisation that are seen through the behaviors from the Senior Management Team, that then runs down throughout the organisation. The corporate culture will help inform how the Senior Management Team interacts with staff, clients and suppliers. It might be implied rather than being openly defined, and it can develop organically over time, as the organisation grows, acquires new leadership or other members of staff. The nature of a corporate culture may very well affect new recruiters, especially in their interactions with the HR team.

## First job and career: Dive into diverse workplace cultures!

Panel:

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## Career anchors: a tool to navigate through your job search

Looking for a job is more than just reading a job offer and applying for it. The job search begins with reflection: understanding your aspirations, your ambitions. What drives your career choices? Natacha Wicht is an HR Expert and runs the career blog [Fresh Out Of Studies](#). She will introduce you to career anchors, a tool that can help you navigate through your job search. Attend the career empowerment session and get your dose of motivation for what's next!



**Natacha Wicht**

HR expert and career blogger

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# Networking & Orientation Session (Hall, 15<sup>30</sup>-16<sup>45</sup>)

Career options within life sciences... How diverse!



A very special networking & career orientation session with more than 30 alumni/invited speakers working in a wide variety of fields (in the public, nonprofit & private sectors). Our invited speakers will be in the hall to answer you queries at the lunch tables.

## Networking & Orientation Session (Hall, 15<sup>30</sup>-16<sup>45</sup>) Career options within life sciences... How diverse!

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Chief Scientific Officer @ VIVENT
- 2. AGTECH**  
Elena Braconi, PHD  
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- 3. AGTECH**  
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ZONE A

- 10. COSMETICS**  
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- 18. HEALTH**  
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- 19. INVESTMENT**  
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\* Find a map of the booth locations on page 21.

## Chat with a recruitment professional (Hall)

Mandatory registration at the CV Desk, 8<sup>45</sup>-10<sup>00</sup>, limited number of places, first come, first served

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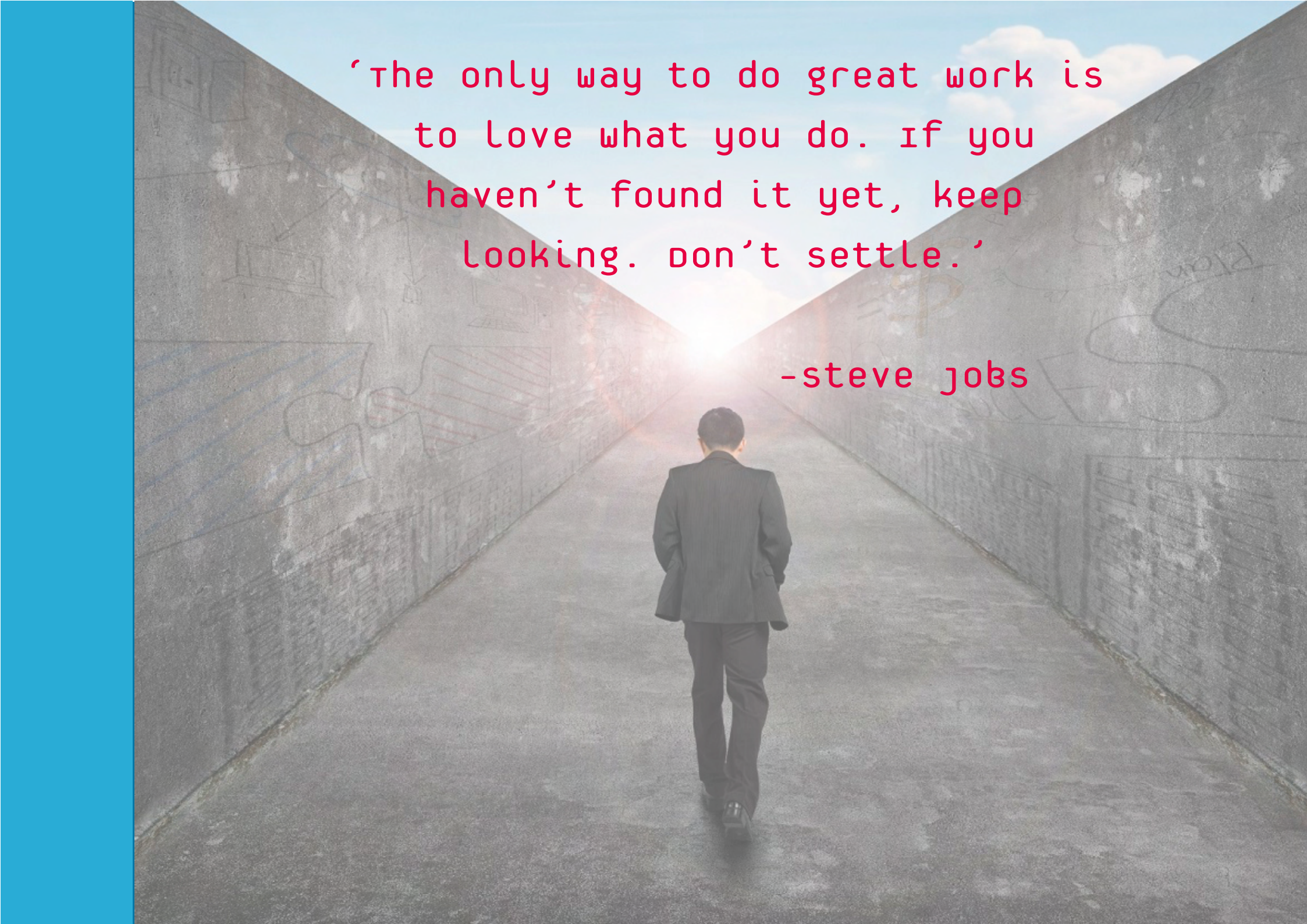


## Photo Booth (Hall)

**Photo Booth** with [AliaPhoto](#) (all day): add the perfect touch to your resume with a professional headshot. Spots are very limited and are for those who are about to apply for a job.

*Alia Gachassin has been using her technical and relational skills for more than 10 years to highlight moments of life and personalities through images. She is working with regional and international companies as well as individuals, and portraiture is one of her areas of expertise.*





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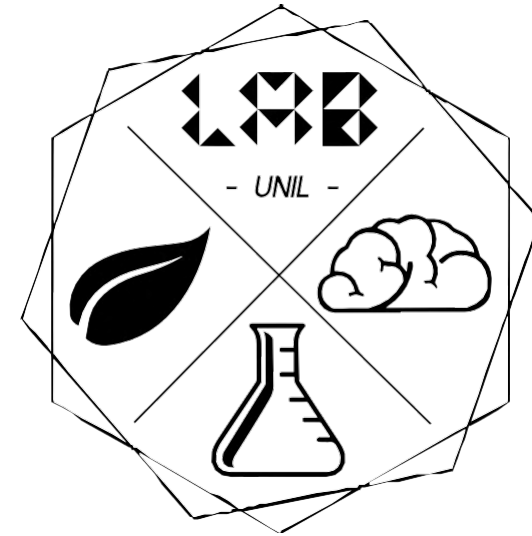


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