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PARTNER

**MARINA
ESPRIU**

Head Knowledge and Technology Transfer & Entrepreneurship at Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal)

Marina has been committed to Global Health innovation and management in biomedical research (ISGlobal) and humanitarian healthcare organizations (AAH, MSF) between Africa and Europe.

She opened-up and is the responsible of the Innovation Knowledge & Technology Transfer unit at ISGlobal in 2017 with the business development of innovative treatments such as new antibiotics against multidrug resistant bacteria (awarded Barcelona Activa Best Start-up 2019), point-of-care diagnostics and digital health.

Leading the ENERGHY Energising Global Health Innovation and Entrepreneurship Summer School since 2020 together with academic, tech transfer, hospital and industry partners

and EU funded by EIT Health. Co-founder of the SEP GHIM Senior Executive Program in Global Health Innovation Management launched in 2019 and funded by EIT Health. Coordinator of the Global Health Management course in the Master in Global Health by ISGlobal and the University of Barcelona since 2017 and lecturer in the Master in Translational Medicine at University of Barcelona. Collaborates with Avicena Health & Social projects and the start-up Roka Furadada.

Economist (Pompeu Fabra University), MSc in Demography (London School of Economics) and Executive Education in Leadership Development (IESE Business School). Living the adventure of a PhD in the co-design of a new biomedical R&D model for health equity.

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**NATALIE
WALSH**

Director of Entrepreneurial Development at NUI Galway

Natalie Walsh is the Director of Entrepreneurial Development, National University of Ireland, Galway (NUI Galway). 'IdeasLab' is a multi-award winning entrepreneurship unit based on the NUI Galway campus supporting student, staff and alumni to cultivate curiosity and creativity. The new unit launched in 2021 has supported over 1,500 student engagements in innovation and entrepreneurship. Natalie has worked across the areas of innovation, entrepreneurship and education management for over 10 years.

She provide leadership and strategic planning to the IdeasLab programme in addition to designing and delivering content across all initiatives. Natalie has worked across several EIT Health Campus projects including leading an entrepreneurship lab (e-lab) in 2019 in the area of mHealth, WE Health focussing on supporting and empowering female entrepreneurs and ENERGHY since 2020. She has secured over 1.5 million euro in funding for entrepreneurship activity in NUI Galway.

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Director StartUB! Tenure Track Lecturer at University of Barcelona

Director of StartUB! unit of the University of Barcelona which aims to promote the entrepreneurial spirit and help students to develop and launch their startup. It offers different training programs, mentoring and access to funds.

He is also a Tenure-Track Lecturer at the Department of Business Economics and Management of the University of Barcelona.

He obtained his PhD at the Business Economics Department of the Autonomous University of Barcelona.

His research interests are in the field of innovation strategies, and open innovation and he has published in international journals and has presented his research in several conferences. He has been actively participating in different EIT Health initiatives since 2016.

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**CAROLINE
SAI**

Head of the EIT Health Investor Network and Director Angels Santé (Angels for Health)

She is currently the Manager of Angels Santé, the largest business angel network in Europe solely dedicated to healthcare, as well as the Head of the EIT Health Investor Network operated by Angels Santé. This European network dedicated to equity investment in healthcare brings together healthcare investors and pre-qualified healthcare European startups raising between 1 to 10 M €.

She represents Angels Santé on the board of the European Federation of Angels EBAN.

Caroline is of French-American background and educated both in the US and France. After a master's degree in International Business, she gained extensive business and Communication experience in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. Caroline, who is passionate about early stage investment and the power of networking, is now based in Paris.

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**ARNAU
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R&D Engineer in the Innovation Department of SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital (HSJD)

Arnau is focused on the development of research and innovation healthcare technology projects on Health IT, Digital Medicine and 3D printing, participating in National and European (PM7, H2020, EIT Health) competitive projects. Coordinator of the 3D planning service at HSJD.

Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Telecommunications Engineering from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia (UPC-BarcelonaTECH). Postgraduate degree in healthcare Innovation and Entrepreneurship d·Health Barcelona - BioCat (program affiliated to Stanford University Biodesign fellowship).

Postgraduate of Quality in Big Data in Life Sciences and Healthcare by Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

Co-Director of the EXPERT3D Course. Lecturer in the Postgraduate degree d·Health Barcelona for Biodesign Healthcare Innovation and taught in a number of different programs an engineering bachelor's thesis at the Polytechnic University of Catalonia, University of Barcelona and the Degree in Engineering in Industrial Design at ELISAVA - Design and Engineering School of Barcelona.

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PARTNER

**CANDELARIA
LANUSSE**

Head of Health Services Unit in Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

She is currently the Head of Health Services Unit at MSF (Operational Center Barcelona, OCBA), responsible for several transversal and multidisciplinary areas including Operational Research, Learning and Development and Quality of Care and guiding a large team of medical advisors in MSF.

Candelaria has a 5-year diploma in Nursing and has extensive practice in neonatal and pediatric nursing, firstly in her home country and later on with MSF. She has recently completed a Master's in International Public Health at Liverpool University (UOL).

She joined MSF OCBA in 2009, carrying out missions from nurse to project medical coordinator and emergency medical coordinator, in different contexts. Such contexts

include Ebola, cholera and measles epidemics, conflict settings, nutritional crises and natural disasters amongst others; carried out in several countries Central African Republic, Yemen, Niger, Nigeria, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Sudan, South Sudan, Mexico, Chile and others. She has also worked as a Public Health Officer with UNHCR (UN Refugee Agency) in South Sudan, coordinating the medical humanitarian response to refugees.

Candelaria has also worked as Nutrition Mobile Implementation officer, supporting nutritional programs in MSF OCBA. She has been working in MSF's headquarters since 2014, in the position of Nutritional Advisor, Health Advisor Assistant and Emergency Unit Health Advisor supporting emergency operations in the field.

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PARTNER

**JORDI
SERRANO**

Medical Doctor and the Founder and CEO of UniversalDoctor

In 2015, UniversalDoctor won the United Nations World Summit Award for Global Champion of the mHealth category. Since the beginning of the pandemic, UniversalDoctor launched EpidemiXs, a project against misinformation that aimed to disseminate validated and curated content for the COVID-19 crisis and the collection of validated data from citizens.

Dr. Jordi Serrano-Pons is an active and widely recognized participant in the health and digital innovation sectors, both in Europe and other continents. He was consulting as a Health and Innovation Consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO), from 2013 to 2016 where he coordinated different projects and supported the World Health Organization Innovation Group.

In 2018, Jordi was included in the Future50 HIMSS Europe: Supported by IBM Watson Health, an initiative that aims to identify and bring together the top 50 Healthcare IT leaders in Europe.

Jordi also founded Zero Mothers Die, an innovative global initiative of public-private collaboration focused around reducing maternal mortality.

In the last months, Dr. Jordi Serrano-Pons participated in the commission to transform the healthcare system in Catalonia, and he has also been collaborating as a consultant at the Andorran Health Care Service (SAAS) since May 2020.

Jordi has also been a member of the experts committee in the UNICEF Lab in the COVID-19 context.

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YOLANDA AMAT

Project Officer Education & Training at ISGlobal

Yolanda Amat is the Project Officer to the Education & Training Department at the Barcelona Institute for Global Health, ISGlobal.

In this position, Yolanda works closely with the director and other team members providing administrative assistance in the different academic programmes.

She serves as the primary contact for the Students' Office at the Faculty of Medicine-University of Barcelona and provides technical and logistical support on the various postgraduate programmes.

She also assists with the coordination of different activities, meetings, conferences, and workshops.

Yolanda joined ISGlobal in 2009. Before her current position at the E&T department, she served as a Project Assistant for the director of the Global Health Policy Unit (GHPU) at the Barcelona Centre for International Health Research (CRESIB) and was the Project Assistant for the Decade of Vaccines Collaboration (DoVC) Secretariat at ISGlobal.

Her training is in administrative skills, accounting and office management.



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**JUSTINA
AGUERRE**

Sexual and Reproductive Health - OBGYN advisor, MSF OCBA

Obstetrician and Gynecologist. After working in the public health system in the Basque Country she enrolled in her first mission with MSF in 2017, since then she has been in several missions in Africa and Asia working as a field OBGYN (also with other NGOs).

She has extensive experience in obstetric emergencies and women's health and has worked in contexts affected by conflict, displacement and sexual violence. She works in the medical department providing support and technical guidance to the teams as a Sexual and Reproductive Health advisor.



JAUME ARGERICH

Assistant Professor at University of Barcelona

Jaume is a part-time professor of entrepreneurship at UB. He has a PhD from UB on business angels screening criteria and holds an MBA from IESE Business School. His topics of interest are health entrepreneurship, entrepreneurial ecosystems, entrepreneurial finance, and negotiations. He has led projects in the life sciences fields such as several summer schools for healthcare postgraduate students (2016-2021), the growth programme for health start-ups for the Granada health cluster (2020)

and the UB acceleration program for health start-ups (2019-2021). Other recent programs in which he has participated are the innovation workshop for the Mediterranean Diet Foundation and the CaixaImpulse program for transferring biomedical innovations to society. Aside from his academic activity, Jaume has acted as a consultant for several entrepreneurs looking to raise capital or validate their business model and is himself an investor in several start-ups.

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**ISMAEL
ÁVILA**

Healthcare Innovation Technology Transfer at Parc Taulí Research and Innovation Institute Foundation (I3PT) and EIT Health Alumni

Healthcare Innovation Technology Transfer in the Innovation department of the Parc Taulí Research and Innovation Institute Foundation (I3PT), he is responsible for transforming technologies made in Taulí, manage public-private collaboration, and innovative public procurement.

Ismael commands a certification in Direction and Project Management and huge experience in the Catalan healthcare sector, holding an extensive bio and health network, owing to his role as a project manager in the Innovation, Internationalization and Business Development Area of Biocat, BioRegion of Catalonia, providing innovative training programs and accelerating healthcare knowledge and technology into economic growth and social impact. He has also served as a Project Manager of CataloniaBio

& HealthTech, the cluster with more than 200 companies and life sciences institutions, supporting the Internationalization, Regulatory Affairs and Innovation Working groups. He has participated as entrepreneur-in-residence and as a jury in The Collider accelerator, an initiative of the Mobile World Capital Barcelona.

Biotechnologist with a degree in Bioprocess engineering from the Autonomous University of Barcelona. He has been Communications Officer, Vice President and President of the Young European Biotech Network (YEBN), to build a bridge between academia and industry, with professional and personal development of final year students. He specialized in company management with IESE short courses in team management, financing and marketing.

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JOANNA BARANOWSKA

Education Lead at EIT Health InnoStars

Joanna Baranowska is an expert with extensive experience in healthcare innovations, entrepreneurship education, EU funds and technology transfer. Within EIT Health, one of the largest healthcare innovation networks in Europe, she is responsible for implementing the education 4.0 strategies. Her primary focus is on the future of education, how AI could be used to upskill healthcare professionals and increase the level of adoption of healthcare innovations.

Before joining EIT Health, Joanna was the Head of the Acceleration Projects Department at the Centre for Innovation and Technology

Transfer Medical University of Lodz, where she led appreciated educational and acceleration projects supporting students, start-ups and early career researchers, such as Smart-Up Lab, Smart Aging Bootcamp or From Scientists to Innovators for Industry. She was also working as an Assistant at the Psychodermatology Department, pursuing a doctorate on stress levels in start-ups leaders and their predisposition to achieve business success.

She graduated from the Medical University of Lodz (Medical Biotechnology) and Jagiellonian University (Business in Biotechnology).



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QUIQUE BASSAT

ICREA Research Professor & Head Malaria Program at ISGlobal

ICREA Research Professor and Head of Malaria Research Program at ISGlobal. As a pediatrician, with special interest in infectious disease epidemiology and public health, Dr. Bassat has attempted to combine his clinical work with biomedical research in those diseases that most affect the poor and vulnerable.

His main area of interest has been the prevention and treatment of malaria in childhood, with a particular focus on understanding the clinical overlap of malaria and other common pediatric conditions. His research has also covered the new paradigm of malaria eradication, with a particular interest in evaluating the role of drugs in elimination strategies.

He has also conducted work on the description of the epidemiology and etiology of respiratory infections (viral and bacterial),

diarrheal diseases, and neonatal infections in places such as Mozambique, Morocco or Bhutan. Currently, his main interests are related to the validation and implementation of Minimally Invasive Autopsy (MIA) tools for the post-mortem investigation of Causes of death in the developing world.

He is also very interested in the validation and evaluation of technological devices for Global health purposes, and in particular on the evaluation of a new non-invasive approach for the diagnosis of meningitis.

Medical doctor specialized in Pediatrics and Tropical Medicine (University of Barcelona, 2004) and Epidemiology (London School of tropical medicine and hygiene, London 2007-08). PhD in Medical sciences by the University of Barcelona.

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**JOAN
BIGORRA**

Director Innovation at ISGlobal & Senior Advisor of Innovation at Hospital Clínic Barcelona

Director of Innovation at Barcelona Institute of Global Health (ISGlobal), Senior Advisor of Innovation at Hospital Clínic Barcelona. Former Director of Innovation at University of Barcelona Clínic Hospital, from 2009 to 2014, Managing Director of the Fundació Clínic

for Biomedical Research from 2006 to 2008. Former General Manager of Novartis Pharma Spain, former Medical Director and Head of R&D of Bayer Healthcare, Boehringer Ingelheim and Sandoz Pharma in Spain.

Graduate and Ph.D. in Medicine by the UAB; Board Certified Specialist in Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics; Graduate in Health Economics by the University of Tromsø, Norway. Executive Education in General

Management, Marketing and Finance by Harvard Business School (Boston, USA). Master in Biomedicine, Biotechnology and Law of the European Union, UNED. Former Member of the Management Committee of the Spanish Hospital Network of Medical technologies (ITEMAS) and member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Spanish Center of Biomedical Research on Biomaterials, Bioengineering and Nanotechnologies (CIBER-BBN). Senior evaluator of Health Innovation calls including Innovators under 35 Europe and EIT-Health.



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**LILISHA
BURRIS**

Education Project Coordinator EIT Health Spain

Lilisha is the Education Project Coordinator at EIT Health Spain. She holds a degree in Food and Nutrition, a Master in Nutrition Communication and a certificate in Adult Learning and Development. She has worked in a variety of settings such as clinical and community health, academic, and municipal.

Throughout her career she has evolved into a project manager and entrepreneur in the non-profit education sector. Lilisha enjoys collaborating with international, multidisciplinary teams and engaging with stakeholders. She is passionate about driving positive change in health.

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ABEL CAHUANA

MD. PhD. Paediatrician and Stomatologist

Dr Abel Cahuana has a degree in Medicine from the University of Barcelona (UB) (1974) and has completed the specialities of Pediatrics (1977) and Stomatology (1984) at the UB. He is also a Doctor of Medicine and Surgery from the UB (2000). He has developed his professional career as an Associate Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the UB and as Head of the Pediatric Dentistry Section at the Sant

Joan De Deu Hospital in Barcelona (HSJB). Retired since 2017. He currently practices in the private sector. Since he visited Sierra Leone in December 2017, he has been involved in establishing a solidarity dental care programme at St John of God Hospital in Mabesseneh in Sierra Leone.



JUDIT CAMARGO

CEO start-up Roka Furadada

CEO & Founder of Roka Furadada, a company founded in 2019 in Barcelona, whose mission is to reduce the incidence of skin cancer through research, development and production of active ingredients and medical devices, with high efficiency and low toxicologic and environmental impact.

Judit has a long professional record in the corporate world, both in business & admin. and technical areas with pharmaceutical

companies. Master's degree in Biomedical Research and in Statistics Design Applied to Health Sciences Research from the UAB. She is also an active member at 50&50 women leadership association and climate justice activist. Judit is doing her PhD at the IMIM (Hospital del Mar Institute of medical research). Her research interests are in the field of the influence of multiple exposures such as heavy metals, pesticides and other organic molecules in pancreatic cancer ethiology.



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CÉLINE CARRERA

Director Education at EIT Health

EIT Health Education Director starting in April 2020. She will focus on developing our education strategy further and on stimulating our innovative education programmes.

Céline has more than 15 years' experience in the space of medical education, much of that spent working with accreditors and learned societies. She has also been on the Board of Directors of the Global Alliance for Medical Education, serving as Secretary and Chairperson of the Nominations Committee.

In addition, she held several volunteer positions on various councils and committees of the Union Européenne des Medecins Specialistes (UEMS).

She was appointed as a founding member of the Biomed Alliance CME Committee, where she has led an environmental study of learned societies in the field of CME/CPD.

Throughout her career, she has contributed to a series of peer-reviewed publications in continuing medical education. Before joining EIT Health, Céline worked for the European Society of Cardiology, where she was the Head of Education. A keen team manager, Céline values interacting in dynamic teams and environments.



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OSCAR CASADO

Bio Innovation Manager at ISGlobal

Organic Chemist from the University of Barcelona and Master of Science in Organic Chemistry in the same University, working in the Angel Messeguer's lab synthesizing peptides as promising anticancer compounds. Oscar has worked in several R&D Departments of the chemical and pharmaceutical industry. He has a broad experience in drug discovery and medicinal chemistry, targeting respiratory and dermatological diseases.

Oscar's expertise includes working in the early stages of the drug development process: HIT to LEAD and LEAD Optimization. He has

participated in the writing of several papers and patents, having one patent as inventor. He also holds two Postgraduate degrees, one in Innovation and R&D Project Management and the other one in Project Management for the Development of New Drugs.

Oscar is currently working in the Knowledge and Technology Transfer area in the ISGlobal Innovation Department as BIO Innovation Manager supporting innovative research projects with potential health-related, social and economic impact.



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NÚRIA CASAMITJANA

Director Education & Training at ISGlobal

Núria Casamitjana, Director of Training and Education at ISGlobal and Associate Professor at University of Barcelona. B.A. in Pharmacy and PhD from UB, and Master in Occupational Health from UB-UPF

She contributed to the creation of the Barcelona Centre for International Health Research (CRESIB-2006) and the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal-2010). She was Deputy Director at CRESIB (2006-2010) and has held senior management positions at UB, including Vice-rector for Academic Affairs (2002-2005).

At UB, she is Director of Masters of Global Health and Clinical Research; coordinator of PhD Programmes: *TransGlobalHealth* Erasmus Mundus and track on International

Health of Medicine and Translational Research; coordinator of other global health courses including leadership ones.

She is former President of tropEd International Network for Education and Training in International Health. She was Board member of the Partnership for Maternal Neonatal and Child Health (2015-2019), and former Board member of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (2018-2020).

She has been coordinator of EIT Health Education Pillar at the University of Barcelona since 2015. She was also a member of the EIT Health Strategic Education Board since 2015 to 2020 and Commissioner of the UB Rector for the CHARM European Universities project since 2019.



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**CAROLYN
DAHER**

Coordinator Urban Planning, Environment & Health Initiative at ISGlobal

Public health specialist, has over 15 years of experience connecting research with implementation. B.A. in Environmental Studies (Brown University, 1997), Master in Public Health (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School) and a Master in Psychosocial Intervention (University of Barcelona 2009).

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AURORA EGEA

Watsan Mobile Support Technicien in Médecins sans Frontières (MSF)

Aurora Egea currently holds the position of Watsan Mobile Support Technician at the MSF Operational Center in Barcelona. She has a Degree and a Master's in Civil Engineering with specialization in Water Engineering from the ETSICCP (Technical School of Civil Engineering) of the University of Granada, Spain, where she has participated in research projects in hydraulic engineering. She has further training in Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in humanitarian action.

Since 2016 she is working in the humanitarian and global health sector, in MSF and other international organizations where she has

held different positions both in headquarters and in the field. In the field Aurora has worked in different project and coordination positions in water and sanitation and logistic areas, in RDC, Guinee Bissau, Iraq, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador and Colombia. At headquarters, she has worked as a Watsan Officer for Doctors Without Borders since 2021.

Between 2010 and 2016 Aurora worked at different companies in Spain and Portugal as a civil and environmental engineer developing different projects in the civil, water, and environmental engineering field.



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ADRIANA ESPINET

Assistant Professor at University of Barcelona

Freelance Business Development and Management consultant specialized in the service industry. She has supported and trained organizations in the education, tourism and hospitality industries in business development.

Dedicated to health-related projects within the service industry, supporting entrepreneurs in the development of their new ventures and especially in the construction and implementation of their business models.

Currently experimenting with gaming and design thinking methodologies to improve strategic decision-making and contribute to creativity and innovation within organizations. Associate Professor at the Faculty of Management and Economics of the Universitat de Barcelona and member of the consolidated Business Research group (SGR-I168).

She has taught internationally in-company and in several educational institutions at undergraduate and graduate levels. She collaborates actively with StartUB! as a mentor and trainer for young entrepreneurs.

She has been involved in several EIT Health projects with the Universitat de Barcelona (Injoy I & II; IBD4Health and AI For Health Summer Schools; d-Healthy; Innovation Day Barcelona 2018 & 2019, WeHealth Innovation Day 2019) and other European projects such as ACTTiVate. Certified facilitator in the LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® method.

Bachelor and Master Program in Business Administration and Management from ESADE-Ramon Llull University. PhD candidate and researcher in the area of international business with a focus on the service industry.



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NEIL FERGUSON

Industry Programme and Business Development Manager at NUI Galway

Neil Ferguson Ph.D. is a Programme Manager who works with the Launchpad in the National University of Ireland Galway. Neil is focused on incubating and supporting the next generation of entrepreneurs through inspiring and supporting students and alumni in validating and development of their business ideas from concept to business launch.

Neil provides resources, one-on-one coaching, access to networks of advisors, and a place where entrepreneurs can find other like-minded students.

Neil also comes with 20+ years of experience of business development and held several management positions at NUI Galway's Technology Transfer Office and Ireland's Centre for Research in Medical Devices.

While there, he was instrumental in generating a large portfolio of patents, commercial agreements and spin-out companies.



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SOFIA FERREIRA

R&D Engineer in the Innovation Department of SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital (HSJD)

Sofia is an Industrial Engineer with more than 15 years of experience in the Healthcare field. She has worked both in the Industry and in the Healthcare sectors (in Qatar and Spain), which has given her different but important points of view when developing solutions for patients and caregivers. She joined the Innovation Department of HSJD in January 2021, and since then she has been involved in the detection of unmet clinical needs and the development of different projects aimed to address those needs.

Sofia holds a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering from the Polytechnic

University of Catalonia (UPC); a postgraduate degree in Systems Engineering from UPC; a postgraduate degree in Healthcare Innovation and Entrepreneurship by Biocat; and a course in Tech Transfer Leadership in Life Sciences from Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF).

She is currently combining her dedication to HSJD with an entrepreneurship adventure after co-founding a startup to develop *heecap*, a medical device to prevent diaphragmatic atrophy of patients under invasive mechanical ventilation in acute care settings.



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JOAN GRASAS

HealthTech Entrepreneur, Mentor and EIT Health Alumni Coordinator in Spain

He has a background in management, business, and product development. Beginning his academic training as an engineer with a MSc in Telecommunications, complemented with a bachelor in market research and a MBA in international business. As an entrepreneur, he has co-founded different projects in the healthcare and ICT industries and is currently founding a spin-off in the Urology field to improve the urinary tract health. Joan is also the Coordinator for Spain of the EIT Health Alumni Network, Mentor of early-

stage startups atf University of Barcelona and Innovation Consultant of HealthTech projects. He has engaged with several innovation and entrepreneurship programmes like the EIT Health Bioentrepreneurs Bootcamp, the Wild Card, INJOY, H-Impact, and ENERGHY Summer School, amongst others. He loves to meet with other innovators and entrepreneurs, facilitate connections, and give back what he has learned, so drop him a line if he can contribute to the success of your Healthcare initiative.



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JAVIER JIMÉNEZ

Founder & CEO Newborn Solutions

Javier Jiménez was born in 1982 in Barcelona, Spain. He received his B.Sc. degree in Telecommunications in 2008 and his Ph.D. degree in Biomedical Engineering in 2016 from the Technical University of Barcelona, and his MBA in 2014 from EAE Business School (Barcelona).

After growing his expertise in electronics from 2004 to 2008 in the computer (Fujitsu-Siemens), communications (SMC Networking), automotive (Kostal), and space industries (Indra), his interests focused in medical imaging quantification at the High Technology Institute in Barcelona until 2012, and next on medical imaging innovation at the Massachusetts

Institute of Technology in Cambridge (USA) until 2015, when he incorporated his first venture Newborn Solutions (NBS).

As an entrepreneur in medical devices, he has deepened his knowledge of technologies and has gained much know-how in business-related areas such as product development, management, intellectual property, quality and regulatory, finances or fundraising. Javier (and NBS) has received several awards and was recognized as the 2016 Innovator under 35 in Spain and top ten in EU by MIT Technology Review Magazine as well as 2020 EIT Health Catapult winner in Medtech category.



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PRADEEP KAKKATTIL

Director, Programme Partnerships and Fundraising at UNAIDS

As the Director of the Programme Partnerships and Fundraising Department, Mr Kakkattil oversees programmatic and political partnerships, including UNAIDS' engagement with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, political and parliamentary engagement and UNAIDS' fundraising efforts.

Pradeep Kakkattil started his career in India as a print and television journalist and filmmaker. He gave up his media career when a close friend tested positive for HIV in the early 1990s and started to respond to the potential threat of HIV to people of his generation.

He became a principal investigator for the World Health Organization Global Programme on AIDS on the sex industry in south India, based in Chennai, and helped to establish

networks of community organizations of female sex workers, men who have sex with men and transgender people. He later moved to Delhi to help design and expand prevention programmes and managed the partnerships for sexual health portfolio as a staff member of the India office of the United Kingdom's Department for International Development from 1996 to 1999.

Mr Kakkattil joined UNAIDS in India in 1999 and has since worked in various capacities. He served as the Deputy Director of the UNAIDS Regional Support Team for Asia and the Pacific between 2012 and 2015 and served as a senior adviser to the UNAIDS Executive Director between 2015 and 2017. In that capacity, he coordinated the United Nations High-Level Meeting on Ending AIDS in 2016.

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**MARTA
LADO**

Case Management Expert, World Health Organisation (WHO)

Clinical physician specialized in Internal Medicine and Infectious diseases from Spain. She has worked in Global Health programs for the last 7 years based in West Africa in clinical work and design and implementation of Clinical programs involving from Maternal-neonatal health, Surgical and non-communicable diseases, Mental health, Emergency and Internal medicine and Infectious diseases.

She has extensive experience in Emerging Infectious disease (EID) outbreaks, mainly in preparedness and response (Case Management) as a Clinical expert in Viral Haemorrhagic fevers (Ebola, Lassa and Marburg), but also HIV, Tuberculosis (including Multi-resistant TB), Hepatitis, Malaria, Hepatitis B among others.

She has worked as a senior clinician in Ebola virus disease outbreaks for the last 7 years (Sierra Leone 2014-2016, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) 2018-2020 and Guinea 2021) and lately in COVID-19 epidemic (Sierra Leone 2020).

She is currently working as Case Management Expert in the Emergency team at World Health Organization, Geneva (Headquarters). She is part of a multidisciplinary team of experts in Case Management that is involved in developing Clinical guidelines, Training packages for health care workers, Technical assistance for infrastructures, Oxygen capacity scale up and Case Management guidance.

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**MARTA
MILLET**

Head Economics and Focal Personal Sierra Leona, Sant Joan de Déu Children's Hospital (HSJD)

Head of the Economic Management Support Unit at Hospital Sant Joan de Déu. Bachelor of Business Administration and Management and MBA at ESADE.

More than 18 years of experience in the health sector, in financial areas; developing management support tasks, creating indicators, improving circuits, implementing ERP management software.

Regular collaborator and reference person in SJD Barcelona Children's Hospital with the Saint John of God Catholic Hospital in Sierra Leone, in organizational improvement projects, project development, search for financing.



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ARIADNA MORENO

EIT Health Alumni Ambassador and Project Manager in Planetary Health activities at ISGlobal

Ariadna has a background in engineering, management, and health innovation. She graduated in Chemical Engineering from the Polytechnic University of Catalonia and got her MSc in Industrial Management and Innovation from Uppsala University in Sweden. In her role as a Research Assistant at IESE Business School, Ariadna has been supporting the coordination and development of several EIT Health projects such as: leading the market and business analysis of an artificial pancreas for type 2 diabetes patients, supporting women

empowerment in health innovation, and coordinating the business activities of a new technology for visual-motor rehabilitation. Ariadna is now working as a Project Manager at ISGlobal managing activities to promote and develop research, translation, and education on Planetary Health. Ariadna has been actively involved in EIT Health since its beginnings as a student and continues nowadays supporting the organization as a local representative in Barcelona of the EIT Health Alumni Network.

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CHIOMA NWACHUKWU

Advocacy & Public Policy at GAVI

Chioma is passionate about social development interventions that improve the lives of vulnerable and marginalised populations. As an Advocacy and International development expert, she focuses on targeted interventions, advocacy and public policy that improve access to health services for underserved communities and empowers women and children to lead fulfilling lives.

Chioma currently serves as a Senior Manager in Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance' Public Policy and Engagement team. In this role, she drives policy engagement at the regional level for Africa which includes Gavi's relationship with key institutions like the African Union. In her current role, she works with teams across

Gavi on advocacy to reiterate the importance of maintaining health as a priority to Governments, the CSO community and private sector. In this capacity, she works as part of the COVAX Facility to advocate for multilateral response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to this, Chioma held senior leadership roles working on advocacy interventions and partnerships for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, Malaria and RH integration.

Chioma holds a Master of Science (MSc) degree in Health, Population and Society from the London School of Economics and Political Science. She is an avid reader, enjoys watching football, field hockey, travelling to discover new cities and their cuisines.

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**JAY
PATEL**

Head of Technology at Jacaranda Health

Jay Patel is the Head of Technology at Jacaranda Health, focused on building and scaling the organization's technology and data infrastructure. Prior to joining Jacaranda, he worked in operations research and project

management roles in local and international banks and private companies. Jay holds a Master's degree in Computer Science from Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio.

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VALERIA PLESZOWSKI

Online Learning Specialist at ISGlobal

Valeria is a graduate in Psychopedagogy (Univ. CAECE, Bs. As.), Master in Education and ICT (UOC) and Diploma in online content editing (UB). She has more than 15 years of experience in academic and business training projects, as a learning consultant, providing support, coordinating pedagogical tasks, training teachers and as an instructional and techno-pedagogical designer.

She is also a professor in the Master in E-learning at the Open University of Catalonia (UOC) since 2012. As part of the ISGlobal Education & Training team, she helps developing the objectives and materials for online programs, suggesting resources, tools, strategies, and applying new educational trends, managing the virtual campus and giving the necessary support to faculty to take advantage of technological tools.

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MAGDALENA ROBERT

Deputy Director, Program Advocacy and Communications, Polio & Vaccine Delivery

Magda Robert leads a team that creates and implements strategies to increase political commitment to and funding for immunization, polio, pneumonia, and enteric and diarrheal diseases programs. Previously, she was the senior program officer responsible for immunization advocacy and supported the foundation's Multilateral Partnerships team.

Before joining the foundation in 2016, Magda spent 20 years working for the United Nations, civil society organizations, academia,

government, and the private sector. She has worked on development policies and programs for health, nutrition, education, gender, conflict, and humanitarian affairs worldwide. She served as a special adviser to Graça Machel, an international advocate for women's and children's rights, for over a decade.

Magda studied at the University of Pennsylvania and has a degree from the Haarlem Business School in the Netherlands and an MBA from Webster University.



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VIREN SHETTY

Vice Chairman, Narayana Health

Viren Shetty is the Vice Chairman of Narayana Health, a world-renowned healthcare group dedicated towards making healthcare accessible to all. In his prior role as Chief Operating Officer, Viren was responsible for hospital operations, investor relations, business planning, technology transformation,

and healthcare policy. He is currently leading a program to transform NH into a fully integrated digital-first healthcare provider. Viren has an MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business and an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from RV College.



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MERCÈ SEGARRA

Vice-Rector of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Transfer at University of Barcelona

Dr. Segarra (Badalona, 1965) is currently Full Professor of Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering at the Department of Materials Science and Physical Chemistry of the Universitat de Barcelona. As Vice-Rector, she is in charge of spin off promotion and holding, patent and licensing, R+D collaboration with private corps, and student start up promotion and incubation. She is representative of the University of Barcelona in European groups/committees related with entrepreneurship, innovation, and knowledge transfer.

She belongs to the research group Centre for Design and Optimization of Processes and Materials (DIOPMA) (being director between 2003 and 2014) and belongs to the network TECNIO. The research group has a large experience on technology transfer, mainly to SMEs, which is reflected in the 22 patent licenses she has co-authored.

Her interests in research have been focused on the synthesis and microscopical characterization of ceramic materials, as well as the characterization of their mechanical properties at nanoscale by instrumented nanoindentation. Her research activity has led to more than 100 articles in indexed journals and participation in more than 180 conferences.

She has held several management positions at the University of Barcelona: Secretary of the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering (2005-2010), Head of the same department (2010-2013), Coordinator of the Master in Energy Engineering (2007-2010), Secretary of the council of studies of the degree of Materials Engineering, and Vice-Dean of Research and Technology Transfer at the Faculty of Chemistry (2017-2021).

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CÉSAR VELASCO

Head of Innovation at Novartis Pharma

Dr Velasco is currently working at Novartis as Head of Health Innovative Solutions, Digital Transformation and Business Excellence. He has previously worked as deputy medical director at the “Lozano Blesa” University Clinical Hospital in Zaragoza (2015-2016) and between 2017-2018, as Medical Director of Innovation and Integral Management at the Vall d’Hebron University Hospital. Later, he directed the Catalan Agency for Quality and Health Assessment (AQuAS).

He is a Doctor of Medicine and Surgery cum laude with an international mention from the University of Barcelona (2016). Degree in Medicine and Surgery from the Autonomous University of Madrid (2010). Specialist in

Preventive Medicine and Public Health from the Hospital Clínic de Barcelona, University of Barcelona (2011-2015). University Master’s Degree in Public Health from the Pompeu Fabra University and the Autonomous University of Barcelona (2014). He completed a postgraduate degree in Statistics in Health Sciences from the Autonomous University of Barcelona (2015). César Velasco also took specialization courses at the Autonomous University of Madrid, at the Harvard University Rockefeller Center - Real Colegio Complutense, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, at IESE, and at the Fall Institute of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, among others.



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SERGIO VILLANUEVA

Tenure Track Lecturer at University of Barcelona

Assistant Professor at the University of Barcelona. His research focuses on the relationship between media and health. His research departs from the premise that the media and culture are part of the social determinants of health defined by WHO.

In this way, he critically examines the media and the cinema as articulators, creators and structural constituents of the narratives that make up different health stigmas and, in general, collective identities. Has holds

also expertise in oral communication skills improvement and training.

He has been visiting researcher at the University of Rostock (Germany), the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece), the Carlos III University of Madrid (Spain), the University of Chicago (US) and the University of Exeter (UK). He has work as postdoctoral researcher at the La Caixa Foundation, at the BigVan Science company and at the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal).