

Early Investigator Forum – 14 September, 14:00–16:30

Whether you are a Master's student, PhD student, early-career postdoc, or a researcher who is not yet in a tenured position, we warmly invite you to join us. Established researchers are equally welcome, as their experience, perspectives and advice can make the discussion even more valuable for the next generation.

Don't miss the Early Investigator Forum at the 25th ISE Congress!

This year, we are delighted to bring together an excellent group of speakers who will share their perspectives and experiences on building a career in ethnopharmacology, covering topics ranging from interdisciplinarity and career development to women and girls in STEM, ethnopharmacological field research, natural products research, and access and benefit sharing.

The session will conclude with an **interactive panel discussion**, offering an opportunity to ask questions, exchange experiences and discuss the opportunities and challenges faced by researchers at the early stages of their careers.

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Come along, ask questions, share your experiences and connect with colleagues!

Here is the program:

Time	Speaker / Activity
14:00–14:10	Welcome & Introduction + Live Poll
14:10–14:30	<u>Prof. Jürg Gertsch</u> – <i>Interdisciplinarity or Focus? Building a Career in Ethnopharmacology</i>
14:30–14:50	<u>Prof. Namrita Lall</u> – <i>From Barriers to Breakthroughs: Empowering Women and Girls in STEM</i>
14:50–15:10	<u>Prof. Marco Leonti</u> – <i>Ethnopharmacological and ethnomedical field surveys: Designing, conducting and reporting</i>
15:10–15:30	<u>Prof. Angela I. Calderón</u> – <i>Modern strategies for investigating complex natural products and identifying bioactive compounds: The açai case study</i>
15:30–15:50	<u>Prof. Michael Heinrich</u> – <i>Ethnopharmacology and access and benefit sharing - Lessons learned and challenges</i>
15:50–16:25	Interactive Panel Discussion: Building a Career in Ethnopharmacology: Perspectives and Advice for Early-Career Researchers
16:25–16:30	Closing Remarks