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Swedish-American Life Science Summit, August 22-24, 2018

This year, it's ALL ABOUT BRAINS!

- **SALSS 2018 gathers global top people in Brain research & Business in Stockholm, Aug 22-24, for “ALL ABOUT BRAINS”.**

This year, the main theme is the Brain for the Swedish-American Life Science Summit (SALSS). Some of the best brains in the world and promising companies in this field gather in Stockholm to talk about the latest findings and most exciting drug development, diagnostics and health tech products for ALS, Alzheimer and MS, migraines, depression, opiate dependence and more.

Highlights from SALSS 2018, in a brief selection from the packed three-day program;

World leading scientists, Patient advocates and Investors like Dr. Li-Huei Tsai, *Tsai Laboratories, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, Dr. Deborah Mash, Professor of Neurology, *University of Miami*, Meryl Comer, Founding Partner, *The Global Alliance on Women's Brain Health* and Dr. Stephen Squinto, *Venture Partner, OrbiMed Advisors*.

Panel debates on *Brain Disease to Date* and *Hope or Hype: Where Do AI, ML and Big Data Go from Here?*

Presenting companies include BioArctic with its very promising drug candidate to cure Alzheimer's, which caught the attention of global media, including NY Times recently. Camanio Care that develops robots for patients with impaired cognitive function or physical abilities and cooperates with Google. IRLAB Therapeutics with development of drugs tackling Parkinson's and Orexo combatting addiction, as well as many more!

Innovative HealthTech products will also be showcased, based on traditional MedTech but also on AI, Robotics and Virtual Reality, through products from companies like CartaNA, Coala Life, ikioo and Spinview.

Rising Star Award was presented to Coala Life in 2017 and they have since made a fantastic journey with multiple awards, further financing and promising collaborations. This year, a new set of start-up companies qualified as Rising Stars and will compete for the award. These include Alzinova, DemeRx, IRRAS, Uman Diagnostics and six more companies. Regardless of who wins, they all deserve attention!

About the Swedish-American Life Science Summit

For the 14th year running, SALSS is arranged to bring together select companies, scientists and investors with the goal to build new strategic relations and to promote life science development. Initially, the objective was to establish and further develop relations between the United States and Sweden. However, over the years SALSS has become more global creating greater international opportunities in Life Science.

Invited guests and companies are handpicked based on the focus area of the year. A large part of SALSS' success is thanks to the configuration of the program where presentations, panel debates and company presentations generate ideas and dialogues. These are often later transformed into new collaborations and investments.

An important part of the founder Barbro Ehnbohm's vision is to also highlight women who are active in life science and enterprise – both through SALSS but also through external networking and scholarships. She is also keen on giving SALSS a cultural touch – the arts are always present at SALSS!

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