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XAI x Bio Symposium

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EVENT OVERVIEW

The Regional Student Group Belgium of the International Society for Computational Biology Student Council is organizing the **XAI x Bio Symposium in April 2027**, in collaboration with research groups from KU Leuven, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Université libre de Bruxelles, University of Antwerp, VIB, Ghent University, and partner RSGs in France and Luxembourg.

The symposium focuses on **Explainable Artificial Intelligence in Biology**, bringing together researchers working at the intersection of machine learning, bioinformatics, and biomedical sciences.

EXPECTED AUDIENCE

- 50-100 participants
- MSc students, PhD candidates, and postdoctoral researchers
- Backgrounds in bioinformatics, computational biology, AI, and life sciences
- Primarily from Belgium, the wider Benelux and France

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Selected student talks (50% of program)
- Invited early-career researchers (PhD candidates and postdocs)
- Poster session and networking reception
- Best Talk and Best Poster awards

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Event date: April 2027 (final date TBD)
- Location: Leuven, Belgium
- Format: in person, in English
- Registration: free for participants
- Sponsorship deadline: February 2027
- Materials deadline (logos, content): To be confirmed after agreement

All CV sharing and participant data handling will be **GDPR-compliant** and **opt-in only.**

WHY XAI, WHY NOW

A prediction nobody can explain is hard to trust, publish, approve or act on. The EU AI Act sets transparency rules for high-risk AI, including AI in medical devices. The researchers in this room are building the methods that open the black box.

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WHY SPONSOR US?

Sponsors gain **direct access to a highly specialized talent pool** in computational biology and AI, not a general crowd.

- **Direct visibility** among top-tier young researchers
- **Recruitment** in a niche, high-demand field
- **Association** with leading academic institutions in Belgium
- **Engagement** with emerging work in explainable AI and biology

PROVEN TRACK RECORD

Since 2017, RSG Belgium has organized student symposia, hackathons and the Beerformatics series, with support from research groups at KU Leuven, VUB, ULB, Antwerp, Ghent and VIB. This symposium builds on that network.

IN GOOD COMPANY

Our events have featured speakers from InstaDeep, Scienta Lab, BioLizard and ML2Grow, with keynotes by professors Stein Aerts (VIB), Kris Laukens (UAntwerp) and Laurent Gatto (UCLouvain). Past sponsors include Bar.on and Tout Bien Pils.

XAI X BIO IS ALREADY OUR CORE

In September 2025 we co-organized the Interuniversity BioHackathon Belgium with KU Leuven, VUB, ULB and UAntwerp. Teams fine-tuned genomics foundation models, predicted embryonic stage from single-cell data and built pipelines that extract disease evidence from scientific papers. **XAI x Bio is the next step.**

WHAT YOUR SUPPORT MAKES POSSIBLE

RSG Belgium is run by volunteers: students, PhD students, postdocs and staff from KU Leuven, ULB and UAntwerp. Your support goes straight into the event: free registration for participants, travel for invited speakers, talk and poster awards, and the networking reception where you meet the participants.

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SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

GOLD SPONSORSHIP — €1,000

- Prominent logo placement on website, program, and on-site materials
- Dedicated social media feature
- Recruitment/demo booth space
- Access to opt-in participant CVs
- Speaker nomination opportunity (subject to scientific alignment)

SILVER SPONSORSHIP — €500

- Logo on website, program, and on-site materials
- Shared booth or banner space
- Access to opt-in participant CVs
- One social media mention

BRONZE SPONSORSHIP — €250

- Logo on website and program
- On-site acknowledgement
- One social media mention

CATERING SPONSORSHIP — €250 - €500

- Support a coffee break or standing lunch
- Logo displayed at catering stations
- Verbal acknowledgement during breaks
- Inclusion in event communications

REFRESHMENTS SPONSORSHIP — IN-KIND

- Provide snacks and drinks for 50-100 attendees
- Logo at food stations or on goodie bags
- On-site acknowledgement
- Social media recognition

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