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# BEYOND ICFO 2026: Science-Based Careers within Barcelona's Innovation Ecosystem

October 23, 2026
15:00 to 19:00
ICFO Auditorium

The annual Beyond ICFO career event looks to members of our Alumni Network to share aspects of their experience to help guide both current ICFOnians and fellow Alumni who are considering new professional options.

In this year's event, we will focus on Barcelona as a destination for scientific talent. We have invited Alumni panelists to share their own insights for building a science-based career withi the city's innovation ecosystem

**PROGRAM:**

**15:00 - Welcome**

**15:15 - Keynote address: Josep Ll. Sanfeliu**, Managing Partner Asabys Partners and President Barcelona Global.

Josep is uniquely positioned to discuss Barcelona's ambition to become one of the world's leading cities for impactful talent and economic activity. A longstanding ally of ICFO through his venture capital activities and, more recently, as President of Barcelona Global, Josep brings a unique perspective on the city's innovation ecosystem and its path toward global leadership.

**16:00 - Alumni Round Table**: ICFO Alumni share scenarios for building a science-based career within Barcelona's innovation ecosystem.

Teresa Karanikolaou Senior Scientist at **Lace Lithography**
Joana Fraxanet Researcher at **IBM Research**
Christina Graham- Domain Expert & Project Manager at **MeetOptics**
Jason Otterstrom. Account Executive at **Abbelight**
Ramon Ramos: Head of Quantum Simulation at **IDEADED**

**17:00 - Networking**- We will offer a special Social Friday in the picnic area of ICFO. Al Barcelona Alumni and current ICFOnians are invited to gather informally to discuss the day' program and the landscape in general for professionals with scientific profiles seekin rewarding careers in the area. Networking will be encouraged as well general socializing an reconnecting.