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Artificial Meat, Space Innovation and Medical Breakthroughs: More Speakers Join Pioneers '19

Vienna – Pioneers is pleased to announce several more of the speakers who will shine on the Arena Stage during our flagship event at the Hofburg Imperial Palace on May 9th-10th this year. As our program, themed *Walk the Talks*, follows an inspirational journey from the start of life to maturity and beyond, they'll cover topics including new food sources, pushing boundaries in space and the latest in medical science.

Here's the latest raft of speakers who will help us take a technological walk through human life at Pioneers '19.

- **Jayne Poynter, Co-Founder and former CEO of World View**, will give a glimpse into space entrepreneurship, including projects such as Stratollite and Voyager.
- **Professor Mark Post, CSO of Mosa Meat**, is the man who developed the world's first lab-grown hamburger (which cost €250,000 and was bankrolled by Google's Sergey Brin), and will talk about new trends in the artificial meat space.
- **Dr Daniel Kraft, Founder and Chair of Medicine at Singularity University**, will share his insights on some of the most powerful, promising and pioneering medical technologies currently under development.
- **Ghislaine Boddington, Co-founder and Creative Director of body>data>space**, a pioneering interactive creative design collective which has advocated for the living body to be at the heart of the digital debate since the early 1990s.

The Pioneers '19 Moderators

The job of bringing the whole show together over the two days will now fall to a duo of MC's, **Nikki Eberhardt** and **Chris Wells**. While narrator, moderator and improviser Chris will be performing the role for the third time, his new co-host is also an old friend of ours. Eberhardt, a global social entrepreneur who seeks to disrupt at the intersection of tech and scalable social impact, moderated a panel discussion on the Arena Stage last year.

The Pioneers '19 Startup Program

Meanwhile there's more speaker news for our Pioneers500 and Series A startups, for whom the Academy Stage will be a focal point throughout the two days. New names sharing their expertise will be **Geraldine LeMeur**, Co-Founder of The Refiners, who will provide valuable advice to female

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founders to thrive in their businesses, as well as author of *It's A Shareable Life* **Chelsea Rustrum**, who will focus on blockchain technology and how the sharing economy has matured. **Cameron Sinclair**, Co-Host of global media series *Human.kind*, will share his insights on building positive change in communities and human-centric solutions that address global issues

Innovative know-how as well as an entrepreneurial network will once again be provided by our long-time partner PwC Austria. Together, we'll focus on combining two ecosystems: startups and corporates. "We're pleased to once again partner with Pioneers this year and bring together the international innovative power of the deep tech scene in Vienna. I'm convinced that collaborative efforts between established companies and young, innovative startups are not only inspiring, but essential for success on both sides," says Thomas Riegler, Digital and Innovation Partner at PwC Austria.

Pioneers '19 is supported by **PwC Austria** and **Mercedes**.

About Pioneers

At Pioneers, we inspire, empower and create. Our purpose is to foster growth and innovation with a focus on deep tech. Since 2009, our diverse team has built an ecosystem, creating collaboration opportunities for tech innovators. We bring together startups, corporate executives, public sector innovators, and investors through digital solutions, consultancy services, events and investments to create a prosperous future.

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