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From Genome Sequencing To Longevity Biotech and Skype: Pioneers '19 Speakers Tackle Every Phase of Life!

Vienna – New speakers are set for Pioneers '19, which takes place in Vienna on May 9th-10th. With the agenda for our flagship event tying new technology trends with the different phases of human life, we've invited Oxford Nanopore Co-Founder & CEO Dr Gordon Sanghera to talk genome sequencing, plus Apollo Ventures Founder James Peyer and Dr Alex Zhavoronkov to discuss longevity. Another exciting name to join us at the Hofburg Imperial Palace will be Geoffrey Prentice, who co-founded Skype and now leads innovative FinTech company Oriente.

With the agenda of Pioneers '19 taking the form of a technological walk through life, we're covering phases of our existence, from our earliest origins to old age, with the help of the following speakers:

- **Dr Gordon Sanghera, Co-Founder & CEO of Oxford Nanopore**, which is developing a new generation of cDNA sequencing. He will take part in a panel discussion on genome sequencing - tech that could greatly impact areas like human genetics, basic genome sequencing, oncology, reproductive medicine and water testing.
- **James Peyer, Founder of Apollo Ventures** and expert on breakthrough therapeutics from biological studies around ageing.
- **Dr Alex Zhavoronkov, Co-Founder & CEO of Insilico Medicine**, a leader in next-generation artificial intelligence (AI) technologies for drug discovery, biomarker development and ageing research.
- **Oriente and Skype Co-Founder Geoffrey Prentice**, who will share his experience from 20 years of founding, scaling and investing in tech companies across international markets. A founding Partner at leading global VC firm Atomico, he now leads global business strategy, strategic partnerships, brand and investments.
- **Talent Garden Co-Founder & CEO Davide Dattoli**, who will share his experience of building an ever-growing network of campuses that empower digital tech communities across Europe.

Additionally, sessions for our Pioneers500 and Series A startups will be led by the likes of **Draper Esprit Investment Director Nicola McClafferty**, **500 Startups Partner Marvin Liao** and, as previously announced, **Sakshi Chhabra Mittal** of the **SoftBank Vision Fund**.



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