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Day One: Wednesday, September 30, 2026		
08.30	Registration and Coffee	
09.00	Opening and Welcome Address from Nicole Boston, CA-AM, President, ASAP	
09.15	<p>Role of Boards in Strategic Alliances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term value vs. short-term pressure • Risk allocation and governance • Control vs. collaboration • Accountability when things go wrong <p>Rada Rodriguez, CEO, Signify GmbH</p>	<p>The Evolution of Alliance Metrics: Building Intelligence into Alliance Management</p> <p>As alliances become more strategic and partner ecosystems more complex, the way performance is measured and communicated must evolve. Traditional KPIs alone no longer provide sufficient transparency into partnership health, risk, and momentum. Learn how alliance leaders are embedding intelligence into alliance management to generate actionable insight, improve alignment across stakeholders, and support better, timelier decisions and actions. The focus is on practical application: strengthening alliance management as a strategic capability in increasingly complex partner ecosystems</p> <p>Louis Rinfret, PhD, Founder & CEO, Allianceboard</p>
10.00	<p>Value-Driven Alliance Management: Lessons from Japanese Pharma Across the Lifecycle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining value in alliance management and how it is measured across different stages of the lifecycle • The role of early alliance design (governance, decision-making, roles) in enabling long-term value delivery • How value evolves over time, including at key inflection points such as maturity and loss of exclusivity (LOE) • Common points of value erosion in alliances and how these may be mitigated • The role of governance, behaviours, and cross-company coordination in enabling or constraining outcomes • Perspectives on alliance management as a value-enabling function • Insights from operating across Japan, Europe and the US, and relevance to broader alliance models <p>Brian Stewart, CA-AM, Exec. Dir, Alliance Mgmt, Daiichi Sankyo Elena Cavalli, CA-AM, CSAP, Head of Alliances, Astellas Sara Stevenson-Smith, CA-AM, Sr. Mgr. AM Europe, Otsuka</p>	<p>Your Partner Operating Model: The Hidden Engine of Scale in the Age of AI</p> <p>Satish Shenoy, SVP Global Partners and Alliances, Smart Communications</p>
10.45	<p>Navigating Divergence: Leading Alliances Through Shifting Strategic Priorities</p> <p>Companies are reshaping portfolios faster than ever, and alliances feel the impact immediately. When one partner downgrades the strategic importance of an asset while the other still prioritizes it, consensus-driven, 50/50 partnerships can stall—triggering budget churn, delayed decisions, and operational fatigue. This session gives alliance leaders a concise, practical framework for steering partnerships through these moments of strategic divergence without destabilising the contract or the relationship.</p> <p>Participants will learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot early signs of strategic drift • Use a Strategic Value Framework to reveal alignment and gaps • Protect operating teams from rework • Apply temporary economic and operational rebalancing while preserving the 50/50 model <p>Jan Twombly, CSAP, CA-AM, President, The Rhythm of Business</p>	<p>How to Innovate in the Age of AI?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to bring a product to market • Strategic planning: identifying the pain the product solves for as well as the target audience and defining segments and messaging as well as the go to market motions including Sales, Marketing and Product alignment • Discussion on the strategy to identify the right alliance and vendor partnership to accelerate product-market fit to selling and scaling. What's in it for both sides in a partnership? • Closing with lessons learned <p>Lomi Aschwanden, Principal Partner Manager, Salesforce Brijesh Malkan, CEO, Singletrack</p>
11.30	Morning Coffee and Networking	
12.00	<p>The Intersection between Alliance Management (AM) and Search and Evaluation (S&E) Functions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The early alliance lifecycle stages: partner selection, business cases for potential collaborations, and knowledge acquisition • Alignment between the S&E and AM team: How AM re-evaluations existing alliances and whether they continue to meet objectives • Building on S&E Team's selection: how the AM team manages the ongoing AM relationship <p>Matthew Brown, Senior Director, Alliance Management, GSK Michel de Baar, PhD, Executive Director, Business Development and Licensing Europe, MSD Catriona Hansbauer, CA-AM, Director, Technology Search & Evaluation, AstraZeneca</p>	<p>Exemplary Strategic Partnerships – Balancing Corporate and Business Unit Alliance Strategies</p> <p>In large tech organizations, corporate alliance teams and business unit teams often operate independently—sometimes colliding, sometimes missing opportunities. This session reveals how to transform potential conflict into productive collaboration. Learn practical approaches to: align corporate-wide partnership strategy with business unit objectives without creating bottlenecks; establish clear roles, decision rights, and communication protocols between corporate and BU alliance functions; leverage corporate relationships to unlock BU-level opportunities and vice versa; balance standardization with the flexibility business units need; and create governance that serves both enterprise goals and product team agility. Through real-world examples, discover how leading organizations orchestrate alliance activities across organizational levels to maximize value for all stakeholders.</p> <p>Phillip Sailer, CSAP, CA-AM, Executive Director, Storage Solutions Engineering, IBM Erika Nothnagel, Global Managing Director, IBM-Lenovo Strategic Partnership, IBM</p>
12.45	<p>Alignment Between Alliance Management and Internal & External Stakeholders</p> <p>The Alignment Challenge: <i>Synchronizing Internal Functions and External Partners for Value Realization</i></p> <p>Valerie Arnaud, Head of Strategic Alliances, Cognizant</p>	

Exhibits Open

13.30	Lunch Break	
14.30	<p>The Foundations for a Great Alliance are Laid Out during the Negotiations: <i>A cross functional perspective from Transactions, S&E, Legal and AM: through a Nordic Lens</i> Bo Skaaning Jensen, Senior Alliance Dir, Novo Nordisk Jesper Lykkesfeldt, Principal, Attorney-at-Law, Lykkesfeldt Catriona Hansbauer, CA-AM, Director, Technology Search & Evaluation, AstraZeneca Anu Balendran, Head BD&L Transactions, Novartis (tbc) Maarit Merla, MD, CEO, Finnish Drug Discovery Center</p>	<p>From Partnership to Pipeline: Scaling AI Alliances that Deliver A candid discussion between PwC and Palantir alliance leaders on how to turn strategic partnerships into real commercial impact. Sharing practical lessons on building trust, shaping joint opportunities and scaling alliance led growth, with a focus on what works, what does not and how to accelerate outcomes. Mark Maresch, Director, GenAI Alliances, PwC Katie Whicher, Partnerships Co-lead, Palantir</p>
15.15	<p>Future Readiness for Alliance Managers – How to Boost your Impact Internally & Externally, Driven by IP-Management Future challenges and approaches for future readiness Cross-silo and cross-company collaboration as key enabler for resilience and future readiness NEVONEX – a successful example for IP-Management in a cross-company context Thomas Kirste, Director Consulting, Robert Bosch Daniel Reiser, Corporate IP Management, Robert Bosch Julian Kawohl, Professor Strategic Management, HTW Berlin</p>	<p>From Bilateral Partnerships to Intelligent Ecosystems Why many strategic alliances fall short– not due to flawed strategy, but because execution across organisations becomes fragmented and misaligned. Drawing on real-world experience, this session will examine how organisations can move beyond traditional unilateral partnerships towards more integrated, outcome-driven ecosystems that align capabilities, incentives, and delivery. Using a case study of a strategic partnership, it will highlight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical lessons on creating cohesion across stakeholders • The importance of embedding shared value, and • How scaling collaboration delivers meaningful impact <p>Lisa Topliss, Director Strategy and Operations, Ricoh</p>
16.00	<p>From Collaboration to Acquisition: the Role of Alliance Management The role of Alliance Management in BioNTech spans beyond managing the alliance governance, contractual obligations and the stakeholder matrix. BioNTech AMs also negotiate all amendments and side letters to existing contracts as the BD lead for the collaboration. So not only AM skills are required, but BD negotiation skills when at the same time AM remains in the lead for managing expectations in the existing alliance. In this session we will focus on the AM leadership role in collaboration governance, in a split territory deal, how to negotiate while maintaining day to day work intact and how to work with other BNT AMs, Legal and IP for combination trials, as well as contributing to an acquisition. Join this session to learn Ways of Working in a multi-dimensional setting, achieving cross functional alignment and using your IP/ legal understanding to drive the collaboration forward with win-win solutions. Eleftheria Ledaki, Director, Business Alliances, BioNTech</p>	<p>The Use of External Innovation Departments & Technology Partnerships Innovation rarely fails for lack of ideas—it fails for lack of focus and openness. In this session, a CDMO perspective will be shared on overcoming the Not Invented Here syndrome, investing in the right partnerships, and leading with focus in a VUCA environment. Delphine Demeestere, Director External Innovation, Lonza</p>
16.45	Afternoon Coffee and Networking	
17.15	<p>When Pigs Fly, or rather, when Pandas Fall: a Field Guide for when Falling Pandas (Proverbially or Literally) Crash the Board Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We've all been there: a high-stakes business venture, months of meticulous planning. You're about to hit "go," when a singular, unprecedented move upends everything: things get personal, hidden agendas come to light, or people do what people do best, and they change their minds • Going beyond the predictive modeling of classic Game Theory, Panda Theory is a grassroots (and unofficial) framework that empowers business leaders to capitalize on those moments of pure, unfettered shock • In this session, we'll walk you through real examples of when the best of the best mitigation plans failed – dissecting the leadup, the resolution, and most importantly, how the teams (to varying levels of success), navigated their Falling Pandas <p>Bonnie Nozawa, Director, Alliance & Ecosystem Mgmt, Roche</p>	<p>Agentic AI – Powered by Consulting Partners <i>Hear a thought provoking point of view from ex-consultant on how consulting partners are customers fastest path to value from agentic AI based on a public case study</i> Over the next decade, AI-Enhanced industry business process management and BPO (Business Process Outsourcing) will emerge as the fastest-growing area for strategic alliances among consultants, outsourcers, systems integrators, and technology companies. This is due to four converging trends; 1.Blurring Industry Boundaries, 2.Growth of cloud Marketplaces, 3.Generative AI Disrupts Cost-Output Dynamics, 4.Alignment of IP and Business Models for AI-Enhanced BPO. Gavin Booth, Former GSI Portfolio Lead, Amazon Web Services (AWS)</p>
18.00	<p>Effective Management of KEY INFLECTION POINTS in a Partnership with Focus on Launch and eventual Termination This session will examine the critical considerations in transitioning alliances from R&D or early development into late development and the commercial phase. The emphasis will be on key processes/guidelines/best practices, cross-functional alignment internally/externally and optimizing time to market while mitigating risks. This session will also highlight the importance of preparing and executing termination of an alliance. Xavier Carruel, MD, CA-AM, Director Alliance Management, Servier Alice Egorova, MD, CA-AM, Director Alliance Management, Servier</p>	<p>Workshop: Digital Transformation of Alliance Mgmt Alliance managers make increasing use of digital tools like Large Language Models, AI agents, partner portals and specialized alliance software and platforms. The digital transformation of alliance management is in full swing. But in what way does this affect the job of alliance managers? In this session you will exchange knowledge and experience with your peers around questions like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the impact of data-driven working on alliances? • Which parts of alliance mgmt can be replaced by AI agents? • How does this affect the daily work of alliance managers? • What are the dangers of relying on digital tools? • What new skills should alliance managers build up to stay relevant in a digital world? <p>Ard-Pieter de Man, PhD, CSAP, CA-AM, Prof, Vrije Universiteit</p>
18.45	Closing Remarks from the Chairs and End of Day 1, Reception in Piano Bar Kensington	

Day Two: Thursday, October 1, 2026		
09.00	<p>From Ad Hoc Collaboration to Ecosystem Catalyst: How Thought Leadership Became a Strategic Alliance Engine</p> <p>This session shares the evolution of IBM Institute for Business Value's partnership model—from occasional, report based collaborations with academic institutions to a deliberate, strategy led ecosystem approach aligned with IBM's transformation under new leadership. As IBM's strategy shifted, IBV was asked to operate at the "tip of the spear," using thought leadership to initiate and deepen relationships with ecosystem and industry partners—often starting with no prior connection. Over the past 3.5 years, this approach has scaled from a handful of co authored studies to more than 65 joint and co branded research initiatives. These collaborations have created shared points of view, accelerated trust, and enabled deeper engagement at the C suite level through flagship events and marquee moments. The session offers practical insights on how research driven thought leadership can be used as a strategic tool to build alliances, activate ecosystems, and extend partner and enterprise brands simultaneously.</p> <p>Anthony Marshall, Senior Partner and VP, Global Leader, IBM Institute for Business Value Liam Cleaver, Senior Research Director, IBM Institute for Business Value</p>	
09.45	<p>What are the Key Partner Ecosystem Strategies & Operating Models that Lead to Growth and Transformation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the best ways to build & scale partner ecosystems that drive transformation, growth, & market leadership • What does it take to build high-performing sales, operations, marketing, & partner organizations (GTM strategies , etc.) • What are the ecosystem relationship successfactors for various industries • Designing operating models and cultures in large companies <p>Dion Smith, Exec. VP WW Partners & Ecosystem, Siemens Rada Rodriguez, CEO, Signify GmbH Benjamin Fischer, VP Global Alliance & Integration Management, STADA Arzneimittel AG Katherine Kendrick, CSAP, CA-AM, Executive Director, Head of Alliance Management, Jazz Pharmaceuticals</p>	<p>Looking East and Further Afield: How the Search for Innovation Continues to shape Alliance Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deal making trends – the increased reliance on China to fuel R&D productivity • The rise of China's biotech industry – where has it come from and where is it going? • Case Study 1: China based Alliances & how to manage them • The world beyond China – Other novel approaches to sourcing innovation • Case Study 2: Not your usual M&A – how to integrate an early stage research group <p>Matthew Brown, Senior Director, Alliance Management, GSK</p>
10.30	<p>The Impact of Data and Agentic AI on Ecosystems and Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The emerging roles of Agentic AI in your businesses • Data based decision making <p>Satish Shenoy, SVP Global Partners and Alliances, Smart Communications Dion Smith, Exec VP WW Partners & Ecosystem, Siemens Gavin Booth, Former GSI Portfolio Lead, Amazon Web Services</p>	<p>Alliance Management and Leading without Authority</p> <p>Markus Kropf, CA-AM, VP, Head Global Alliance Management, Merck</p>
11.15	Morning Coffee and Networking	
11.45	<p>Alliance Manager Career Planning and Execution</p> <p>A diverse panel discussion focused on delivering all alliance managers thoughtful perspective and action steps based to determine their alliance manager or adjacent career pathway and how to approach taking next steps to achieving the career growth they are seeking. Panel representatives will cover the continued career AM, the administrative AM Dept. head role, contracting or consulting AMs, and AM adjacent careers all leveraging the strengths of our professional and individuality. Objectives of the panel: Expand awareness of options for AM career paths - identify skills and capabilities that AM Leaders are looking for in candidate's prior experience - Explore ways to gain breadth of experiences and skills (secondment, mentoring, education)</p> <p>Katherine Kendrick, CSAP, CA-AM, Executive Director, Head of Alliance Management, Jazz Pharmaceuticals Nancy Griffin, CSAP, CA-AM, VP Alliance Management, Valo</p>	<p>From Ambiguity to Acceleration: Commercial Partnership Models That Actually Deliver</p> <p>While many pharma alliances focus on R&D, some of the toughest work happens in commercial partnerships for in-market assets. This session explores how to turn complex, multi-partner setups into focused, performance-driven collaborations that truly move the needle.</p> <p>Through a concrete case study, we'll show how clear strategic choices, smart role design, and pragmatic operating routines can unlock each partner's strengths and maximize brand value. Attendees will leave with practical frameworks and do's and don'ts to structure commercial alliances that deliver scalable, repeatable impact.</p> <p>Jekaterina Rotbarte, CA-AM, Senior Manager Global Alliance Management, STADA Arzneimittel AG Benjamin Fischer, VP Global Alliance & Integration Management, STADA Arzneimittel AG</p>
12.30	<p>Inclusive Alliance Management : Navigating Multicultural Dynamics in a Global Collaboration Scenario</p> <p>Collaborations span across geographical locations and in today's interconnected economy, alliance management is no longer about contracts, deliverables and milestones. Bridging the diverse views and different ways of working in alliances, Alliance managers need to address the cultural intelligence (CQ) by implementing the alliance best practices, processes to foster the one team mentality, processes for mitigating blind spots before they impact the bottom line. A framework of 4 pillars will be presented addressing Communication styles, Trust building, Conflict resolution and Inclusive governance. Case study and real time examples to highlight the role that Alliance managers play in this global scenario.</p> <p>Kaushik Sengupta, Director, Alliance Management, AstraZeneca</p>	<p>Alliances for Rapid Product Development: <i>How E.ON One Built and Sold an AI Powered Call Centre Agent for the Energy Industry within 9-months –Case study</i></p> <p>Gordon Thompson, VP Corporate Development & Partnerships, E.ON One</p>

13.15	Lunch Break	
14.15	<p>Strategic Alliance Management Engagement in Due Diligence: Enabling Seamless Transition From Assessment to Execution</p> <p>This session will explore how early Alliance Management engagement in due diligence strengthens alignment between deal assumptions and execution readiness. We will illustrate the criteria for AM entry points, the strategic value added beyond process, and BD-AM collaboration models that translate deal intent into delivery. We will also show how Chiesi has implemented these practices, including governance and handover frameworks that ensure seamless transitions, integration approaches for partnerships, and methods for comparing alliance performance against BD expectations, to continuously refine collaboration.</p> <p>Federica Costanza Fontani, CA-AM, Director Alliance Management, Chiesi Group</p>	<p>Seeing Around Corners: A Practical Framework for Monitoring Your Alliance Partner's Financial Health</p> <p>As alliances grow more complex and financially interdependent, the ability to monitor a partner's financial health is no longer optional—it's a core capability of high-performing alliance teams. This session shares a practical, repeatable framework for assessing and continuously tracking financial stability using real-world data sources and examples. Drawing on a case study and a set of illustrative financial statements, participants will learn what early warning signs look like, where to find reliable information, and how to translate financial signals into alliance action plans. Participants will leave better equipped to anticipate partner instability, mitigate risk, and strengthen the resilience and value of their alliances.</p> <p>Steven Roy, Senior Manager – Alliance Management, Jazz Pharmaceuticals Emmet Skelly, Associate Director – Corporate Reporting, Jazz Pharmaceuticals</p>
15.00	<p>Alliance & Integration Management's Role in Integrations</p> <p>This session outlines the Alliance & Integration Management's role across integration phases—highlighting the BD-AIM handover from due diligence through signature to closing. It details legal framework management beyond the Purchase Agreement, including gun-jumping risks and Foreign Direct Investment obligations. It also explains how AIM provides structured insights to enable executive decisions on the integration plan, key risks, and milestones, ensuring governance discipline, timely decision-making, and seamless transition.</p> <p>Anna Benasco, Director Alliance & Integration Management, Alexion, AstraZeneca Rare Disease</p>	<p>Beyond the Hard Hats and Build: The New Era of Purpose-Led, Data-Driven Construction Alliances</p> <p>The construction & engineering industry is entering a new era, one defined not just by what we build, but by how we partner to build it. Beyond the hard hats and the build itself, alliances are evolving from risk-sharing arrangements into purpose-led, data-driven engines of innovation and growth. Digital transformation, AI, and sustainability expectations are reshaping projects, assets, and outcomes. In this keynote, Yolanda Stead explores how strategic partnerships, powered by real-time data and human-centered leadership, are enabling smarter decisions, stronger ecosystems, and long-term value. The future of construction will be built better together, through intelligent, trusted, and purposeful alliances</p> <p>Yolanda Stead, CA-AM, Head of Partnerships APAC, Procure Technologies</p>
15.45	Brief Coffee Break	
16.00	<p>When Alliance Management Boosts Business Development</p> <p>Alliance Management and Business Development are often seen in contract and opposition, because aiming at different objectives, time-span and skillset. What if instead Alliance Management can actually boost Business Development, leveraging the trust, familiarity and complicity acquired in years of collaboration with an existing partner? Here is a case study of how an Alliance Manager can be borrowed to Business Development to effectively expand an existing partnership negotiating a deal for a new asset and leading its due diligence and internal board approval, with the advantage of knowing well the partner's priorities, strengths and complementarities to his own company.</p> <p>Ameriga Fanigliulo, PhD, CA-AM, Director Global Alliance Management, Sandoz</p>	
16.45	Closing Remarks from the Chair and End of Summit	

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Thought Leader Global and The Association of Strategic Alliance Professionals are proud to co-organise our 12th European Alliance Summit. Whether you have a mature corporate alliance and partnership strategy, are looking to benchmark with others in this space (to continually improve your framework and ecosystem), or are at an earlier stage of entering into new alliances and partnerships, this event provides an ideal community for you.

Setting up an alliance management function is an important first step. One must lay the groundwork for the long-term success of both alliances and joint ventures. Often businesses that may have competed in the past must be brought together, and this requires building trust and bridging cultural barriers. Both the research and development side as well as the sales / go-to-market side need to have best-practice in place for the partnership to succeed. Often the most lucrative alliances are in new markets and in emerging market countries. There are significant cultural, HR, legal and operational risks to manage in these partnerships.

Leadership and governance are important focus areas to cover. There is a significant transition period in the creation of an alliance, and a strong transition plan must be put into place. Both innovation and sales results are the key goals of new partnerships. However, companies must encourage a joined workforce to bring about the performance. Trust and cooperation must be embedded to demonstrate this joined workforce. Performance and governance must be adequately implemented and monitored, so that goals are met and value is created. Attend this forum to benchmark how other organisations are managing their alliance strategies; hear their perspectives - both success stories and lessons learned. Utilise this event to learn from their experiences, compare solutions and take away actual strategies that you can use to drive transformation in your group.

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