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Press release

COSMETIC VALLEY brings together the international cosmetics research community at COSM'INNOV 2026



On 20 and 21 May 2026, COSMETIC VALLEY will bring together leading international players in cosmetics research in Orléans for the 6th edition of COSM'INNOV. Researchers, industrial stakeholders and scientific experts will place at the heart of discussions the development of high-performance products that respect, restore and regenerate both the skin and its environment.

The congress will address the need to rethink cosmetic formulations to make them cleaner, ever safer and increasingly based on bio-sourced ingredients capable of protecting ecosystems. Discussions will also focus on the biological realities of global ageing and on the development of regenerative approaches designed to support skin longevity and resilience.

When nature and artificial intelligence reinvent cosmetics research

COSM'INNOV 2026 will highlight how nature is now becoming a true source of scientific inspiration, offering biological intelligence that enables new ways of thinking about formulation and ingredient development.

The event will also explore the growing impact of artificial intelligence, which is opening access to vast natural libraries, accelerating discoveries and transforming our understanding of cosmetic efficacy.

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In this rapidly evolving context, the congress will underline the importance of bold, transdisciplinary research at the crossroads of biology, chemistry, biotechnology, data science and materials engineering.

The congress themes will be structured around three main focus areas

The first, dedicated to naturality and sustainability, will address the exploration of new bio-sourced ingredients, bio-inspiration and biomimicry, biosourcing, eco-processes, biotechnology-derived ingredients, Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), as well as the social issues associated with these innovations.

The second focus area will centre on global ageing. Presentations will cover multi-scale skin characterisation, longevity research and new biological targets, regenerative approaches, advanced skin models and in silico tools, among others.

Finally, the congress will devote a full session to digitalisation and artificial intelligence in cosmetics. Participants will discover recent advances in AI applications for cosmetics, data exploitation in production and formulation, and AI-assisted natural innovation.

Through conferences and scientific exchanges, COSM'INNOV 2026 seeks to answer a central question: how can we design cosmetics that serve not only the skin, but also the planet, individuals and the future?

> THE FULL PROGRAMME IS AVAILABLE [HERE](#)

An event supported by a scientific ecosystem of excellence

COSM'INNOV 2026 is organised in collaboration with:

- COSMETOSCIENCES,
- The Centre-Val de Loire Region,
- Orléans Métropole,
- ACTT4Cosmetics.

And in partnership with:

- AgroParisTech,
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Following the congress, the scientific abstracts presented may be published in a special issue of the International Journal of Cosmetic Science, confirming the event's international and academic reach.

Practical information

COSM'INNOV 2026 :

20-21 May 2026

Venue:

CO'MET
1 rue du Président Robert Schuman
45100 Orléans - France

Press welcome - Wednesday 20 May 2026:

- Press coffee reception: 9:15 am
- Press briefing "How research is shaping the cosmetics of tomorrow: more sustainable, more technological and more personalised": 9:45 am - 1st floor

More information:

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ABOUT COSMETIC VALLEY - "Beating heart of the world cosmetics industry"

COSMETIC VALLEY is the leading global perfumery-cosmetics network and coordinator of the French sector. The association brings together all the know-how of the profession, from plant cultivation to finished products. Its mission: to serve the economic development of the sector through promoting the French brand, by strengthening the visibility and attractiveness of research laboratories, companies and regions and sharing the challenges and opportunities of the sector.

COSMETIC VALLEY makes innovation the growth engine of the sector in an increasingly demanding competitive context. Its member companies and research bodies are committed to progress and transition towards an ever more sustainable and efficient industry.

COSMETIC VALLEY unites and supports this jewel in the French economy, by carrying the voice of a fabric of more than 6,300 companies of all sizes (85% VSE/SME/SMB and all the world leaders), accounting for nearly 226,000 jobs for €71 billion estimated turnover and more than a thousand patents lodged per year. It is the world's largest exporter of perfumes and cosmetics, with €22.4 billions of exports in 2025.

COSMETIC VALLEY represents, on behalf of the industry, the values of Universal utility, Human well-being, Responsibility towards the living, Freedom of creation, Scientific progress. These values, all under the signature FRANCE CARES FOR YOUR SKIN, include the sector in a promise that becomes a mission of general interest, enhancing the entire industry. www.cosmetic-valley.com

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