Program at a Glance
June 20-22, 2023
Viterbi School of Engineering, University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California
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Tuesday, June 20

7:30  Breakfast
8:30  Welcome
     Andrea Belz, University of Southern California and IEEE TEMS
8:45  Keynote: Daniel Jarratt, Schmidt Futures
9:30  Panel - Atoms and Bits: The industrial automation landscape
     Swati Chaturvedi, Propel(x)
     Peter Lee, Embark Ventures
     Yoav Zingher, Launchpad.build
     Joe Wilson, Undeterred Capital
     Curtis Rodgers, Brick and Mortar Ventures
10:30 Coffee
11:00 Panel - Rags to riches to rags: Deep tech startups in the changed investment landscape
     Andy Chen, REDDS Capital
     David Lane, 1Flourish Capital
     Chris Moran, Lockheed Martin Ventures
     Lorana Quintero, GoldenSeeds
12:00 Networking Lunch
1:15  Academic and technical presentations: What drives innovation success?
2:15  Panel - Vision or hallucination? Launching ambitious deep tech startups
     Daniel Brunner, Commonwealth Fusion Systems
     Edlyn Levine, America's Frontier Fund
     Hemai Parthasarathy, Google X
     Marc Schlichtner, Siemens Healthineers
     Andy Wilson, Alliance for Southern California Innovation
3:30  Coffee
4:00  Startup Showcase
5:00  Adjourn
5:30  Reception
Wednesday, June 21

7:30 Breakfast Panel - Walking the walk: Diversifying deep tech innovation
Lorana Quintero, GoldenSeeds
Julie Pantiskas, Pasadena Angels
Mariah Lichtenstern, DiverseCity Ventures

9:00 Welcome back!
Lydia McClure, Research Bridge Partners

9:15 Panel - The Final Frontier: Commercial and civil uses of space resources
Tony Freeman, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Howard Ko, Morpheus Ventures
Chris Moran, Lockheed Martin Ventures
Michael Lohnert, AEI Horizon X
Andrea Belz, USC

10:15 Coffee

10:45 Panel - Pick your battles: The role of intellectual property in deep tech
Jennifer Shockro, California Institute of Technology Office of Technology Transfer
Falgun Patel, Aerospace Corp
Lydia McClure, Research Bridge Partners

12:00 Lunch and Oceanside Chat with Stephen Hendrickson, Department of Energy

1:00 Academic and technical presentations: What drives innovation success?

2:00 Panel - Generating financial and social returns: Clean tech
Tai Ahmad Eldridge, Include Ventures
Alex Andrianopoulos, Kairos Ventures
Ken Hayes, Cleantech Open
Mariah Lichtenstern, DiverseCity Ventures
Neal O'karter, BASF

3:00 Coffee

3:30 Investor Office Hours

4:30 Technical Workshop: Attracting funding and attention to innovation research
Andrea Belz, University of Southern California
Tim Folta, University of Connecticut
Lydia McClure, Research Bridge Partners
Fernando Zapatero, Boston University

5:00 Reception

Thursday, June 22: Innovation Master Class for corporate innovation leads (startups welcome)

7:30 Breakfast

8:00-12:00 Master Class

- Business model formulation: Validating value propositions
- Customer discovery: Accelerating market insight
- Technology vision: Specifying requirements and desirments
- Attracting resources: Telling an effective story

12:00 Adjourn