



Dear Members and Industry Colleagues:

It's now time for us to come together all over the world.

Ross and I are looking forward to meeting our members at Ilmac in Basel, Switzerland September 16 - 18. SEFA activities will be featured at Ilmac on September 17th starting at 1 PM on The Future of Life Sciences stage. The panelists for the 2024 SEFA Lab of the Year winner discussion will be yours truly, Dr. Geo Adam, Dr. Achim Grenz (both from F. Hoffman-La Roche, Ltd.), Maximilian Kriegel of Waldner AG Switzerland and Dario Tonelli, Managing Director of Laborplanner Tonelli AG (and a SEFA Advisory Board Member). At 3:30 PM we will reconvene at The Future of Life Sciences stage and walk over to the 2024 SEFA Lab of the Year pRED Center for the lab tour. The tour will start at 4:00 PM and end at approximately 5:30 PM with a reception to follow immediately after the tour ends. All SEFA members are invited to attend this event and if you haven't done so already, please email ross@sefalabs.com to reserve your spot.

After a brief stop in Milan, Ross and I are headed to Dubai for ArabLab Live 2025 which takes place September 23 - 25. On the afternoon of September 23rd we will be making presentations about the 2025 Lab of the Year projects that were submitted (The Digital Lab Stage – 3:00 P.M.) and a presentation about SEFA standards and the critical work of our standard-writing committees (The Lab Innovation Stage – 4:00 P.M). Our popular networking reception will take place at Cin Cin on the second floor of the Dubai Fairmont Hotel (not to be confused with The Fairmont Palm Island!) Our Fairmont is just a five minute walk from the Dubai World Trade Center. If you haven't done so already, please let Ross know that you are planning to attend. The reception starts at 5:30 PM and will end "whenever".

After Dubai it's back to New York City where the 2025 SEFA Lab of the Year Judges will meet at The Rockefeller University on September 30th to make their selections of the two finalists who will then be invited to present their projects at our Annual Conference on November 6th. The winner and High Honors recipient will be announced by the Judges after those presentations are completed.

October will be the month we finalize plans for our 2025 Annual Conference at the famous Trump National Resort in Miami. We only have two spots left for the November 5th "Blue Monster" golf tournament so don't hesitate to let barbara@sefalabs.com know you want to reserve one of those last two spots. The Blue Monster will be an official PGA Tour event in 2026 and known as The Miami Championship so let's test our scramble skills against the world's best golfers.

The October 6th deadline to reserve your hotel reservation is closing in on us. Once our extremely favorable hotel nightly room rate (\$279 + \$10 resort fee) expires, you may pay as much as \$400 per night. In short, [register](#), sponsor and celebrate the achievements of the best Lab buildings in the world and the work of SEFA's standard writing committees at the world's largest gathering of laboratory grade furniture manufacturers.

We look forward to seeing so many of you in the next few months and safe travels!