

Grenoble, the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2021

## Dear friends of the High Level Forum

Last year ended for the High Level Forum community on a positive note. In difficulty and uncertainty, we joined forces to maintain our momentum and to ensure that the power of our network can also benefit the fight against the pandemic that darkened 2020.

With the images of our successful HLF event on December 1st, when we held our first HLF Connect Briefing, defying the constraints of distance, we will remember 2020 as a turning point in the ambitions of the High Level Forum.

We will also remember that we lost a friend who would have been happy to see the HLF moving to a new heightened level of interaction and the HLF working groups coming to fruition. This year and in the years to come, a "Jean-Daniel Tordjman prize" will be awarded to the HLF ecosystem that embodies an extraordinary dynamism in favour of its local economy.

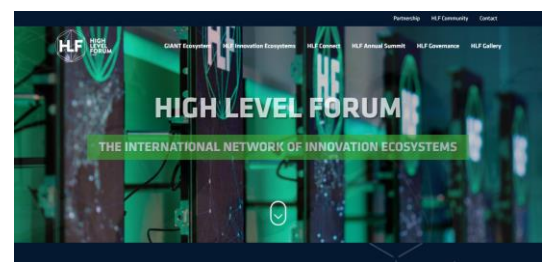
May the curtain of 2021 open on a stage where the sun will regain ground and let humanity continue to move forward and encourage innovation for vital changes.

Our warmest wishes to you and those close to you  
Karen Amram, Chair of the HLF & Robert Thomas, Deputy Chair



### HLF @ A GLANCE

➡ Clic on the site's picture below to access the new website



### HLF 2021 Summit – Save the dates : 7 to 10 November, Grenoble

This year we will concentrate our efforts on organising a hybrid face-to-face and online Summit in Grenoble in November 2021. We have chosen to maintain « **the reinvention of industry to support a resilient society** » as the topic of the 2021 edition. This subject includes many of the current short to long-term challenges and transitions our regions are all dealing with. The speakers' selection process is about to start.

- ➡ Save the dates: 7-10 Nov 2021
- ➡ Please have a look at the tentative [agenda online](#)
- ➡ It is time to propose speakers from your ecosystems. Please contact me with your proposals.



## HLF Connect Working Groups – 2021 series

In 2020 I launched HLF Connect to encourage continuous interaction within the HLF network and to reach even more regions of the world. Given the value of the 2020 series for which 3 working groups produced a series of very interesting analyses ahead of the Dec 1 online event, we will soon propose a new set of questions and invite Ecosystems to participate in a 3-month collective thinking from March 2021. In June 2021 we will hold an online briefing to discuss together the outcomes of the working groups. We would specifically like to thank all of our SCOM members for taking part in our Connect working groups.

➡ I would welcome your thoughts and inputs as we start to develop the topics for the next HLF Connect series. Please send me any subjects that you would like to propose.

➡ If you are interested in participating in one of the next working groups please contact me with your expression of interest.

**“Let’s now move forward with the power of digital combined with the strength of collective thinking.”** – Karen Amram, HLF Connect Briefing 2020 Dec, 1

**“The High Level Forum is a great example of how triple Helix systems can learn from each other.”** – Richard Dasher, THA Annual Summit, 2020 Nov, 24



*Gabriel Voisin-Fradin, Sébastien Guinard, Richard Dasher.*



## HLF on Tour

An HLF delegation joined online leading figures from science, industry and politics at the **III International Triple Helix Virtual Summit** in Bologna, Italy on 24-26 November 2020, to discuss the challenges posed by the COVID pandemic and other pressing grand challenges and how to address them via digital and sustainable innovation under the motto "Designing globally connected regional innovation ecosystems". A huge thank you to **Jean-Charles Guibert, Stephen Su, Sylvie Blanco, Harri Kulmala, Janekrishna Kanatharana, Richard Dasher, Koby Rubinstein, Benoit Balmana, Greg Morin and Patrick Levy.**

I was proud to represent the HLF Community at the **Horasis Extraordinary meeting** on 2020 Oct, 1 where I attended a panel on The State of the World. Next event will be held online in March. More information available [here](#)

## Highlights from GIANT Ecosystem

In this new issue of the GIANT Review, the scientific magazine of the Grenoble Innovation Campus, GIANT partners - all strongly mobilised since the beginning of the crisis we are going through - review the current research on the Coronavirus, present the innovations deployed in exceptional ways to respond to unprecedented challenges, and talk about the prospects for post-Covid societal developments. [Click to read!](#)





## BACK TO THE PANELS OF THE HLF CONNECT BRIEFING 2020

Startup show & contest: 10 finalists, 3 laureates

Ravina Anand – CEO FLIK, **Canada**  
 Kim Raath – CEO Topl, **US**  
 Hillary Harel – CEO Serenus.AI, **Israel**  
 Jules Hammond – CEO BeFC, **France**  
 Alfred Wu – CEO AIPLUX, **Taiwan**  
 Susan Blanchet – CEO Origen air, **Canada**  
 Matthieu Le Prado – CEO Mag4Health, **France**  
 Thibaud Brunel – Deputy CEO Uniigym, **Taiwan**  
 Raphaël Meyer – CEO Lancey Energy Storage, **France**  
 Matthew Smalley – Co-founder Delphire, **US**

[Access the replay here](#)



### PANEL 1 - STRATEGIES FOR INTEGRATIVE INNOVATION: NEW COLLABORATIONS & ALLIANCES

[Panel 1 replay](#)

### PANEL 2 – WINNING INNOVATIONS IN THE TIME OF COVID AND BEYOND

[Panel 2 replay](#)

### PANEL 3 – INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM RESILIENCE: IMPACTS IN THE SHORT TO LONG TERM

[Panel 3 replay](#)

**“We created several HLF working groups to consider how the pandemic has heightened the need for resilience, the need to work and innovate differently, the need to develop targeted innovations to address specific needs, the need to learn from the past to open the future” – Robert Thomas, HLF Connect briefing 2020 Dec, 1**

*Looking forward to welcoming you in Grenoble  
 Our warmest wishes to you and yours  
 Julien Reynier, Léa Pelosi  
 & The HLF Team*

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January 2021, High Level Forum - Letter from the Chair