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Startup Lightning Talks, Part 1: Life Sciences, Energy, and Sustainability

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Ariadna Rodenstein is a Program Manager at MIT Startup Exchange. She joined MIT Corporate Relations as an Events Leader in September 2019 and is responsible for designing and executing startup events, including content development, coaching and hosting, and logistics. Ms. Rodenstein works closely with the Industrial Liaison Program (ILP) in promoting collaboration and partnerships between MIT-connected startups and industry, as well as with other areas around the MIT innovation ecosystem and beyond.

Prior to working for MIT Corporate Relations, she worked for over a decade at Credit Suisse Group in New York and London, in a few different roles in event management and as Director of Client Strategy. Ms. Rodenstein has combined her experience in the private sector with work at non-profits as a Consultant and Development Director at New York Immigration Coalition, Immigrant Defense Project, and Americas Society/Council of the Americas. She also served as an Officer on the Board of Directors of the Riverside Clay Tennis Association in New York for several years. Additionally, she earned her B.A. in Political Science and Communications from New York University, with coursework at the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey in Mexico City, and her M.A. in Sociology from the City University of New York.



Reprogram Immunity

[Elizaveta \(Lisa\) Freinkman](#)Director of Strategic Research, [Immunai](#)Elizaveta (Lisa) Freinkman
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Elizaveta (Lisa) Freinkman joined Immunai as Director of Strategic Research in January 2022. Her effort focuses on ensuring that Immunai's single-cell multi-omics and AI platforms are strategically and programmatically positioned to deliver value for both the internal therapeutic discovery pipeline and external partnerships.

Lisa's technical background is in protein and lipid biochemistry and metabolomics. After earning a Ph.D. in Chemical Biology at Harvard, Lisa co-founded and then directed the Metabolite Profiling Core Facility at the Whitehead Institute of MIT, where her work contributed to over 25 high-profile peer-reviewed journal articles. Lisa subsequently joined the R&D group at Metabolon in Durham, NC, focusing on lipidomic platform development, novel metabolite identification, and generation of molecular-level insights from large-scale datasets. A growing interest in translational research and program management took Lisa to Locus Biosciences, where she rose to the rank of Director of Translational Medicine. In this capacity, she led a team of six scientists in the design and execution of rodent models of infectious disease and IBD, including IND-enabling studies of the company's lead therapeutic asset. In parallel, Lisa also served as the program/alliance lead for a large pharma-partnered research collaboration.



Livio Valenti

Co-founder, Senior VP of Strategy, Operations and Business Development

[Vaxess Technologies](#)

Kfir Schreiber

Co-Founder & CEO

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Megan O'Connor

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Senior Business Development Lead

[Amogy](#)

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Startup Lightning Talks, Part 2: Robotics, Supply Chain, and AI

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