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Johanna Kalmari

Research Director at Uute Scientific

A new approach to atopic dermatitis: restoring microbial diversity

Johanna Kalmari is the Research Director at Uute Scientific, which produces a microbial extract used as an active ingredient in cosmetics. She holds a master's degree in molecular biology and is currently doing doctoral studies in nature-based exposomic

strategies at Tampere University, Faculty of Medicine and Health Technology. Johanna has studied the effects and underlying mechanisms of nature exposure using both in vivo and in vitro models.



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Ulf Åkerström

VP & Chief Innovation Officer,
Skinome Research AB

Preservative Free Systems In Cosmetics

Ulf Åkerström is one of Sweden's leading experts in skin research and the development of both medical and cosmetic skincare products.

His expertise lies in the design and formulation of skin barrier-strengthening and microbiome-modulating skincare and sun care products. He has extensive experience in developing evidence-based formulations that strengthen the skin barrier, promote a balanced skin microbiome, and improve skin health through carefully selected ingredients and clinically validated performance.



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Kicki Norman

Journalist and Co-founder of
Daisy Beauty

*What's next in beauty ?
The products ingredients &
brands shaping tomorrow*

Kicki Norman has worked as a journalist since 1995 and as a magazine writer and editor since 1997. Since 2005, she has specialized in beauty journalism, and in 2009 she co-founded Daisy Beauty, one of Sweden's leading beauty media brands.

With a career spanning decade of beauty industry insights, Kicki has a unique perspective on the evolution of products, ingredients, brands and consumer trends. She is obsessed with skin care ingredients, fragrance mists and bold lipsticks - and endlessly curious about what beauty consumers will want next.



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Marc Desmarais

Product Development Activist,
Origin by Ocean

*Upcycling & Circularity isn't
a trend,
it's an efficiency revolution.*

Marc, a beauty innovator with 25+ years in global product development and R&I, has been empowering brands to launch sustainable innovations since 2018. At Origin by Ocean, Marc champions our ocean-regenerating ingredient technology, helping

brands to integrate circular & regenerative solutions into their R&D pipeline. Join him at Scancos for some hot takes on sustainability and why it's kind of chic to make efficiency your new eco-strategy.



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Ellen Copsey

Technical Sales Manager,
Personal Care

*Solving the Sun Care
Trilemma: Stability, Sensory
and SPF, with one ingredient*

Ellie has 9 years of experience working in formulation across the food and personal care industries, with 5 years specializing in sun protection. Her experience spans both raw materials and finished product, as an Applications Scientist at a UV filter supplier

and a Product Development Manager for multiple global brands. Ellie previously managed Sappi's applications lab as a Market Applications Specialist for Personal Care before transitioning into technical sales.



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Paul Ranshuysen

Business Development Manager,
Nouryon

*Advance solution for
thermal hair protection up
to 230 °C*



Paul, a Biotechnology graduate from TU Delft, built his career in innovation and market intelligence at Cosun across food, feed, home care and personal care. He is now a Business Development Manager at Nouryon, driving growth in the Personal care.

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