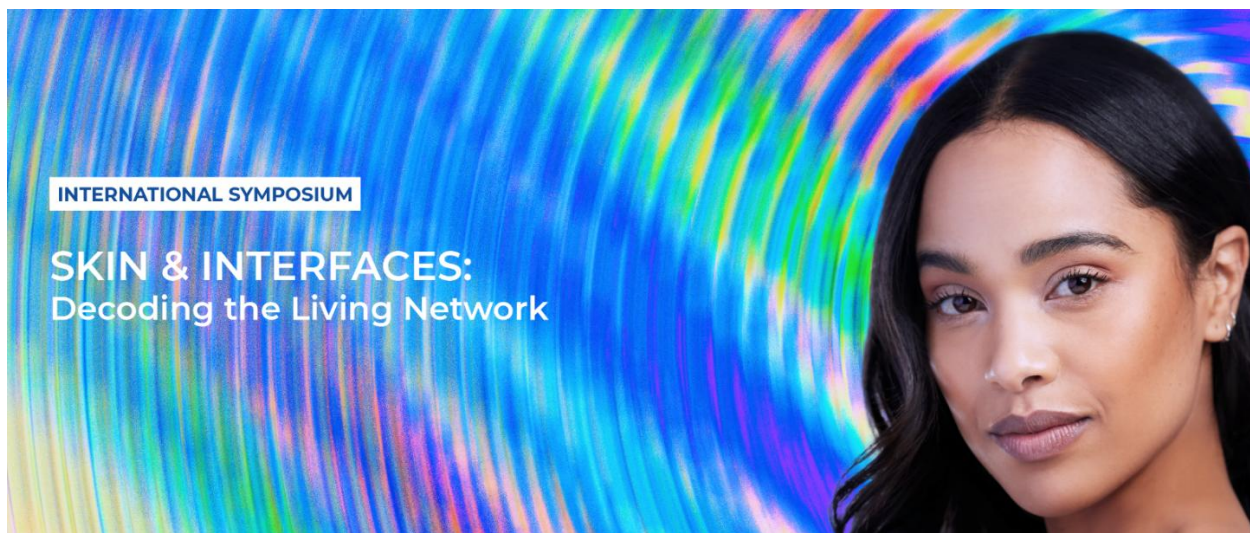




Neuilly-sur-Seine, May 11th 2026

On **8 and 9 December 2026**, the Société Française de Cosmétologie (SFC) will once again bring together the scientific community in Paris at the Pathé Alésia cinema and online. For its 20th edition, the **SFC International Symposium** will offer a scientific exploration of the skin and its interfaces, centred on a groundbreaking theme:

'Skin & Interfaces: Decoding the Living Network'

Researchers and experts have until **15 July 2026** to submit an abstract of their work.

"20th International SFC Symposium: cosmetic science enters the era of the interactome and the skin's living network."

As the largest organ in the human body, the skin goes beyond its simple barrier function: it is a **living communication network** in constant dialogue with our other organs and its environment.

Cosmetic science has moved beyond fragmented analysis. Genomics, proteomics and the microbiome are no longer studied in isolation. We are entering the era of a new 'interactome', where skin interfaces are becoming the new frontier for our researchers to explore.

The time has come for us to unravel, together, the secrets of this complex network.

'An ambitious programme, designed to think, share and build together the beauty of tomorrow.'

This upcoming edition will therefore highlight these new perspectives, building on **five key pillars**:

1. Tissue interfaces and the dialogue between the host and the microbiota
2. The scalp-hair ecosystem
3. The skin-brain axis and the contribution of neuroscience
4. Nature as a partner
5. Digital and augmented interfaces

Not to mention an 'Out of the box' contribution, a hallmark of the Symposium.

Another new feature this year:

'We are committed to shaping the future by giving a platform to one of our young talents, selected from the best scientific submissions. A unique opportunity to highlight the excellence and boldness of the younger generation!'

The **SFC** wishes to recognise a **young PhD student or postdoctoral researcher** at the International Symposium this coming December.

A dedicated **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS** has been launched; the **deadline** for submissions is **15 JULY 2026**.

*'A true hub for inspiration, networking and discussion, the Symposium is once again adopting a **hybrid format** this year to reach a wider audience.'*

- In person: at the Pathé Alésia cinema, 73 Avenue du Général Leclerc, Paris 14th arrondissement
- Online: via a dedicated online access

"Our sponsorship programme has been revamped to offer our partners greater visibility and provide industry players with an enhanced opportunity to showcase their commitment to the scientific and cosmetics communities."

The SFC International Symposium in a nutshell

'In a constantly evolving cosmetics sector, the SFC International Symposium remains a cornerstone of scientific exchange.'

Organised by the French Society of Cosmetology (SFC), this major scientific event brings together more than 200 researchers, scientists, industry representatives, start-ups, service providers and students every year who are shaping the future of the international cosmetics industry.

To mark its 20th anniversary, the Symposium has established itself as the leading French event for discovering technological advances, the latest research findings and emerging innovations.

A demanding and fast-paced programme, conducted entirely in English, centred around:

- Keynotes: 30-minute plenary lectures delivered by international experts;
- Scientific sessions: 15-minute presentations, selected by a scientific jury for their relevance, innovative nature and contribution to cosmetology;

- Discussion time: each session is followed by a question-and-answer session with participants.

Organised on an intimate scale, with a capacity of 220 participants, the Symposium brings together a wide variety of profiles: R&D teams, academic researchers, suppliers, consultants, journalists, innovative start-ups and students.

This diversity of participants helps to make the event a vibrant forum for discussion, conducive to the exchange of expertise and the emergence of new collaborations.

The **SFC International Symposium** is:

- The leading French scientific event for innovative cosmetology
- A forum for sharing, knowledge transfer and networking
- A driving force for cosmetic research, the exchange of expertise and open innovation.

About the SFC

75 years of science, innovation and human passion ...

Founded in 1951, the Société Française de Cosmétologie (SFC) now brings together nearly a thousand members from industry, academia and the research sector. As a leading scientific society representing 375 companies, institutions and universities, it promotes the beauty sciences through three key pillars: promoting cosmetic research, sharing knowledge and bringing together a network of experts.

It organises major events (International Symposium, Cosmet'Agora, Rencontres, Jeudis).

As a founding member of the **IFSCC** (International Federation of Societies of Cosmetic Chemists), the SFC is now one of its leading scientific contributors at an international level.

By becoming a member of the SFC, you automatically become a member of the IFSCC, an international network of over 16,000 scientists from 48 national associations across 78 countries worldwide.

The SFC co-publishes the IJCS (International Journal of Cosmetic Science) with the SCS (Society of Cosmetic Scientists UK & Ireland), which comprises six issues per year and over 115 scientific publications annually.

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