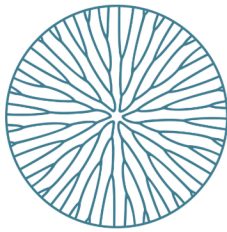


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Analysis and Insight From Members and Leaders in the Global Biomimetics Industry.

March 31, 2026.

Our Vision

Converting the world's toughest challenges into scalable opportunities through nature-inspired innovation that improves human wellbeing, drives economic growth and increases our resilience.

Our Mission

To connect and empower industry leaders, researchers, innovators, and educators to accelerate and commercially scale nature-inspired solutions from discovery to real-world impact for people and the planet.

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Session 9

From Innovations to Scale: What We've Learned



Dr. Sarah McInerney

Director of Innovation

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- + OPEN CALLS FOR
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According to Jennifer Kan at Juniper, the bioindustrial fund, DARPA's budget for 2026 is \$4.9 billion, a 12% jump from 2025, with the majority of the budget slated for basic

research, applied R&D, and next-gen tech development. [Learn more.](#)



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**You're not saving money
by deferring sustainability.
Your grandchildren are
paying for it.**

Let me tell you what's actually happening on most balance sheets right now. Not what's reported. What's accumulating. Every quarter that an organization chooses not to invest in genuine sustainability — not the rebranded version, not the walking-it-back version, but the real operational kind — it records a saving. The P&L looks disciplined. The board feels prudent. And



somewhere off the books, a liability grows.

That liability has a name. Several, actually. PFAS contamination in groundwater. Lead in children's bloodstreams. Microplastics in human placentas. These aren't hypothetical future risks. They are the realized consequences of decisions that looked like cost efficiency at the time. The organizations that made those decisions are now staring down cleanup costs measured in the hundreds of billions, litigation with no end in sight, and a public health burden that no quarterly earnings report ever captured.

Here's the pattern worth understanding: survival mode does not assure survival. It assures the appearance of competitiveness within your reporting horizon — and the quiet transfer of an ever-larger bill to the generation that comes after you... *Click below to read the rest of Michael Wright's latest piece in illuminem.*

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Why financial leadership on nature matters for sustainable growth.

According to the World Economic Forum's "Global Risks Report 2026," environmental risks including biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse are the most serious long-term threats to the planet. Eric Usher, head of the United Nations Environment



Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), asserts that over half of global GDP is moderately or highly dependent on nature, yet seven of nine planetary boundaries have already been breached. Closing the \$700 billion annual biodiversity finance gap is not just a necessity, but also a major economic opportunity. The financial sector can support an economy-wide transition to nature-positive systems for sustainable growth, he argues.

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Building With Biology

In this article published by Zygote Quarterly, Emilie Snell-Rood suggests uniting problem solving with biology under the umbrella of Building with Biology. "Over the last several decades, there has been a growing interest in looking to nature to help solve challenging human problems, from the popularization of biomimicry in the late 1990s to the exponential growth of biotechnology in the 2000s. We have a plethora of bio-based approaches we can employ, including biophilic design, nature-inspired solutions, bioutilization, and bionics. Some of these individual approaches have thrived on their own. However, as we are learning through recent efforts to build a collaborative network at the University of Minnesota, we have much to gain by uniting similar approaches under one umbrella."



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AI-designed experiments run by robots hint at a new approach to biology

OpenAI's GPT can summarize research papers and make predictions—but can it do science? Can it generate hypotheses, design experiments, interpret results and iterate? Last summer researchers at OpenAI and Ginkgo Bioworks, a company that designs and installs autonomous, robot-run labs, decided to find out. According to this article in Scientific American, researchers showed that an AI model working with an autonomous lab can design and iterate real biology experiments at unprecedented speed.



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Save the Date: Biomimetics26

Please save the dates of November 9-10 for Biomimetics26, a two-day symposium for members of Biomimetics International and other industry leaders. Hosted by the University of Minnesota, opportunities are open to **attend, present, sponsor** and help **shape the agenda**. Click below to view last year's program.



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Earth in Balance: Harmony, Flow, and the Future of Earth

"Earth in Balance: Harmony, Flow, and the Future of Earth"
 April 24, 2026

- 10:00 - 11:00**
10:00 - 11:00 (KeyNote): The Music of the Spheres: Tuning Our Collective Heart Spark as Biosensors for Spaceship Earth
 Mei Lin Fang (Vice Chair of the UN AI for Good Impact Steering Committee and Co-Founder of the People-Centered In Mirzala)
- 11:15 - 12:00**
The Global Chorus: Raising Voices for a Living Planet
 Michael Sheldrick (Chief Policy, Impact and Government Relations Officer at Global Citizen)
- 13:00 - 13:45**
13:00 - 13:45 Harmony vs. Dissonance
 Robin Erans-Agnew (Professor, UW-T SNHCL)
- 13:00 - 14:30**
13:45 - 14:30 The Rhythm of Cities
 Thomas Fisher (Director GeoCommunities, director of the Minnesota Design Center, and Dayton Hudson Chair in Urban Design in the College of Design at the University of Minnesota)
- 14:30 - 15:15**
14:30 - 15:15 Digital Water the New Currents of Life
 Michael Wright (CEO Biomimetics International)
- 15:15 - 16:00**
15:15 - 16:00 Orchestrating Circularity in the Real World: Infrastructure, Governance, and the Work of Coordination
 Bjorgvin Savarsson (CEO Yorth Group)

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