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DAY 1 - MONDAY 13 JANUARY - 13/01/2025

Biotech Showcase

An all-inclusive healthcare conference
January 13–15, 2025 | San Francisco, CA
January 21–22, 2025 | Virtual

Registration, Breakfast & Networking

07:00 - 08:00

Cell & Gene Therapy: Moving Beyond Discovery and Into the Patient

08:00 - 09:00

Biotech Showcase - Workshop 1 (Yosemite A)

Unlock the ultimate potential of cell and gene therapy to revolutionize patient care. Join us at the forefront of innovation, where cutting-edge research meets transformative treatments. Delve into groundbreaking advancements that are reshaping the future of medicine and offering hope to patients worldwide. Discover how our solutions can empower health systems and improve lives.

Participants

Panellist: Paul Bresge - CEO, Ray Therapeutics

Panellist: Daniel Oliver - CEO, Rejuvenate Bio

Panellist: Nabih Saklayen - CEO & Founder, Cellino Biotech

Panellist: Lexi Rovner - CEO, 64x Bio

Panellist: Ohad Karnieli - Founder & CEO, Atvio Biotech

The Battle Against Cancer: The Armamentarium Keeps Expanding

08:00 - 09:00

Biotech Showcase - Workshop 2 (Yosemite C)

Innovations in oncology treatment options have grown in recent years, particularly in the array of available therapies. This engaging discussion will focus on emerging and evolving directions in the development of cutting-edge breakthroughs for difficult to treat cancers.

Participants

Panellist: William Ho - CEO, In8bio

Panellist: Elisabet de los Pinos - CEO & Founder, Aura Biosciences

Panellist: Mohit Trikha - Co-Founder & President, Kivu Biosciences

Panellist: Mike Blue - CEO, HistoSonics

Panellist: Zhen Su - CEO, Marengo Therapeutics

Shaping the Future of Medicine Together: Perspectives from the Cutting Edge of Pharma and Biotech Innovation

10:30 - 10:50

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

In this joint Fireside Chat, C-suite executives from the cutting edge of pharma and biotech share predictions, perspectives and learnings on the head and tailwinds shaping R&D innovation in the year ahead. How can pharma and biotech be the best partners to each other, especially in the emerging cell and gene therapy landscape? What do pharma companies seek in biotech partnerships? And what can biotechs expect to gain in return? Join us to find out.

Participants

Discussants: Lisa Deschamps - CEO, AviadoBio

Discussants: Tadaaki Taniguchi - Chief Medical Officer, Head of Medical and Development, Astellas Pharma

The "New" Policy Landscape: Now that the Election is Behind Us, Where Do We Go from Here?

12:00 - 13:30

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

Join us for a discussion on the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the decision to overturn Chevron deference, and other issues that are impacting the healthcare landscape. This panel of experts will explore how these pivotal changes could reshape regulatory environments, funding opportunities and innovation.

Participants

Panellist: Beth Neitzel - Partner, Foley Hoag

Panellist: Tony Lanzone - Global Head, Consulting, Syneos Health

Panellist: Grace Colón - CEO & Founder, InayaTherapeutics & BIO Executive Committee Member

What is TechBio and What Impact Will It Have on Therapeutic Development?

14:30 - 15:30

TechBio Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

TechBio is where technology and biotechnology converge and is rapidly expanding our knowledge of complex biological processes. It is engineering and information driven, drawing upon clinical, genomic, and molecular data. It will enable the delivery of better diagnostics, new therapeutics and personalized therapies.

Participants

Panellist: Alla Zamarayeva - CEO, CellFE

Panellist: Ajit Singh - Managing Director and General Partner, Artiman Ventures

Panellist: David "DSO" Suendermann-Oeft - Founder & CEO, Modality.AI, Inc.

Moderator: Daniella Kranjac - Founding General Partner, Avant Bio

Dealmakers' Intentions 2025

15:30 - 16:30

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

The Syneos Health Dealmakers' Intentions Study is a forward-looking measure of dealmaking activity in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries. Now in its 16th year, this survey provides a unique perspective on these trends by surveying business development professionals from pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies of all sizes to create forward-looking insights based on dealmakers' general expectations for activity in the coming year. This session will discuss the results of this year's Dealmakers' Intentions Study, providing a prospective view of the partnering and licensing landscape for the year ahead.

Participants

Moderator: Katya Magonova - Managing Director, Commercial Adviosry, Consulting, Syneos Health

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The Pharma Perspective: As We Emerge From A Challenging Few Years, What Has Changed in the Deal Landscape?

16:30 - 17:30

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

Hear from our panel of experts as they uncover the latest strategies and insights shaping the industry through discussion of effective approaches to forging successful partnerships and driving innovation in a competitive environment.

Participants

Panellist: Adam Pearson - Chief Strategy Officer, Astellas Pharma

Panellist: John McDonald - Corporate VP, Global Head of BD and M&A, Novo Nordisk

Panellist: Mr David Jenkins - SVP, Head of Research & External Innovation, Ipsen

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07:00 - 08:00

Alzheimer's & Other Neurodegenerative Diseases: Advances in Diagnostic and Therapeutic Treatment Has Been Slow – But There Light at the End of the Tunnel

08:00 - 09:00

Biotech Showcase - Workshop 1 (Yosemite A)

Participants

Panellist: Marc Jones - CEO, Altoida

Panellist: Maha Radhakrishnan - Executive Partner, Sofinnova Investments

Panellist: Abraham Ceesay - CEO, Rapport Therapeutics

Panellist: Christian Howell - CEO, Cognito

Panellist: Olga Danilchanka - Partner, MRL Ventures Fund, Merck

Moderator: Karen Harris - CFO & Head, Mission-Related Investing, The Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF)

Enhancing Longevity: Delaying the Diseases That Age Us

08:00 - 09:00

Biotech Showcase - Workshop 2 (Yosemite C)

Living longer with longevity involves leveraging innovative treatments and lifestyle changes that target the biological processes of aging. Individuals can optimize their health and potentially extend their lifespan while improving their quality of life. The panel will explore the vital role of longevity in healthcare and examine how advancements in science are reshaping the approach to aging and wellness.

Participants

Panellist: Markus Gstöttner - CEO, clock.bio

Panellist: Hanadie Yousef - CEO, Juvena Therapeutics

Panellist: Michael Curtis - President & CEO, eGenesis

Panellist: Gordon Lithgow - Professor, The Buck Institute

Moderator: Dennis Purcell - Founder and Senior Advisor, Aisling Capital

The Asia Pacific Region: Collaboration Opportunities & Scientific Engagement – Let's Discuss How to Build Partnerships

09:00 - 10:00

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

While China has been a significant driver of market growth, countries such as South Korea, Japan, Singapore, and Australia are also creating new opportunities for collaborations, mergers and acquisitions, and partnerships across various stages of development. This panel will explore the key trends shaping business development in the Asia Pacific region, with a focus on innovation and early-stage R&D partnerships.

Participants

Panellist: Jianbo Yang - Vice President, Asymchem Group

Panellist: Su Zhang - Chief Business Officer, Perpetual Medicines

Panellist: Lihua Zheng - CEO, Z-Star Therapeutics

Panellist: Brad Walsh - CEO, GlyTherix

Moderator: Vivian Lee - Managing Director, Aqua Partners LLC

Investing In the TechBio Space: A Huge Impact on Therapeutic Development & A Shorter Time Frame to Revenue

10:00 - 11:00

TechBio Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

TechBio companies generate revenue by providing services that enable and enhance drug and diagnostic development. They are not hindered by the long approval process and potential failures of the drug development that biotech companies face.

Participants

Panellist: Celestine "Cee Cee" Schnugg - Managing Partner, Boom Capital Management

Panellist: Brent Vaughan - CEO, Stealth TechBio

Panellist: Navjewan Khosla - Partner, Novo Holdings

Panellist: Chris Benko - CEO, Koneksa

Panellist: Jennifer Goldsack - CEO, Digital Medicine Society (DiMe), USA

Moderator: Darren Coleman - SVP, Technical Delivery, Syneos Health

Healthcare Access & Equity: Leading to Better Healthcare for All

12:00 - 13:30

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

This panel will dive deep into the conversation of healthcare access and equity and explore what biopharma can do to support better access to healthcare.

Participants

Panellist: Chris Learn - SVP, Global Head of Cell and Gene Therapy, Parexel

Panellist: Philippe Lopes-Fernandes - Executive Vice President, Chief Business Officer, Ipsen

Panellist: Peter Rubin - Executive Director, No Patient Left Behind

TechBio Sectors to Watch: Advances in Devices, Drug Discovery, Robotics & Digital Medicine - Where Machines Interface with Flesh & Blood

14:30 - 15:30

TechBio Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

Advances in technology are leading to a revolution in diagnostics, surgery, imaging, and therapeutics. Join KOLs for an update on the future – it is closer than you think.

Participants

Panellist: Craig Pierson - Founder, AiM Medical Robotics

Panellist: Beth Rogozinski - CEO, Oncoustics

Panellist: Maria Soloveychik - CEO, SyntheX

Panellist: Walter Greenleaf - Neuroscientist & Product Developer, Stanford University

Planning for Commercialization: A Driver of Valuation, it is Never Too Early to Start

15:30 - 15:50

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

Understanding your target market and milestones is a must for any life sciences company seeking funding and partners. While it will evolve as a company advances having this knowledge is foundational for any company to attract partners and investors. How can you leverage early commercial development to support your capital raise? What should be considered? How do you present this information in your deck? A vision is mandatory. While it can change it needs to be clear.

Participants

Discussants: Faruk Abdullah - President, Professional Services & Chief Business Officer, EVERSANA

Discussants: Sharon Cunningham - CEO, Shorla Oncology

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Breakfast & Networking

07:00 - 08:00

Metabolic Disorders & GLP-1s: Reducing Comorbidities, At What Cost?

08:00 - 09:00

Biotech Showcase - Workshop 1 (Yosemite A)

The future of GLP-1s holds promise for advancing treatments in obesity and metabolic disorders, with ongoing research exploring their effects. Emerging data suggest these therapies could significantly reduce cardiovascular risk, and diabetes, positioning them as key players in patient care, by transforming therapeutic approaches, enhancing long-term outcomes and quality of life for patients. However, as we evaluate the overall impact of GLP-1 therapies, we also need to address adverse effects, economic challenges and sustainable treatment options in the future. Join us as the panelists share their thoughts and predictions.

Participants

Panellist: Peng Leong - Chief Business Officer & Head of Brain Aging, BioAge Labs

Panellist: Ashley Zehnder - Co-Founder & CEO, Fauna Bio

Panellist: Minji Kim - Chief Business Officer, Mineralys Therapeutics

Panellist: Alex Aravanis - CEO, Moonwalk Biosciences

Infectious Diseases & Outbreaks: Ignore Them at Our Own Peril

08:00 - 09:00

Biotech Showcase - Workshop 2 (Yosemite C)

Infectious disease is becoming a more expansive problem in the US and the rest of the world. The rise of global warming is calling for traditional tropical diseases to be spread to sub-tropical locations such as Florida and Texas. This panel will explore the need for treatments for these major public health challenges and potential solutions to stop this spread of disease.

Participants

Moderator: Steve Brozak - Managing Partner & President, WBB Securities LLC

Panellist: Rick Bright - , Pandemic Prevention & Response

Panellist: Emma Wheatley - Executive Director Access & Business Development, CEPI

Quantum Computing: Reshaping the Future of Human Health

09:00 - 10:00

TechBio Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

Solving complicated biologic and molecular problems. Its potential is unlimited.

Financing Future Innovations: Raising the Money Needed to Get to the Next Inflection Point

10:00 - 11:00

Seed Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

Looking towards 2025, seed companies should prepare for an uptick in venture capital activity. This session will discuss increased investment activity, capitalizing on secondary markets and IPOs and exploring non-dilutive funding sources, including grants, and strategic partnerships.

Participants

Panellist: Tari Suprpto - Director, Search and Evaluation (West), Novo Nordisk

Panellist: Christina Jenkins - General Partner / Co-Founder, Convergent Ventures

Financing the Biotech Sector: After a Difficult Few Years, Is There Finally a Reason for Optimism?

12:00 - 13:30

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

Participants

Moderator: Kimberly Ha - CEO & Founder, KKH Advisors

Panellist: James Healy - General Partner, Sofinnova Investments

Panellist: Andrew Lam - Managing Director, Head, Biotech Private Equity, Ally Bridge Group

Panellist: Carolyn Ng - Partner & Managing Director, TPG Life Sciences Innovation

Panellist: Chirag Surti - Executive Director, Morgan Stanley

AI, ML, & LLM: Revolutionizing Therapeutic Development

14:30 - 15:30

Biotech Showcase Open Sessions (Imperial Ballroom)

Large language models (LLMs) and artificial intelligence (AI) are transforming the pharmaceutical industry by streamlining processes across the entire drug development lifecycle. These technologies enable researchers to generate hypotheses, extract insights from vast datasets, detect patterns, and simplify literature searches through natural language interactions. Beyond drug discovery, AI has the potential to revolutionize various aspects of therapeutic development, including research, clinical trials, regulatory filings, and manufacturing.

Participants

Panellist: Wyatt McDonnell - CEO & Founding Scientist, Infinimmune

Panellist: Kfir Schreiber - CO-founder & CEO, DeepCure

Panellist: Andrei Georgescu - CEO, Vivodyne

Panellist: Khai Minh Pham - Founder & CEO, ThinkingNodeLife.ai

Panellist: Hannah Wastyk - Co-Founder & CEO, Interface Biosciences

Women's Health: Innovation Impacting the Different Health Needs of Half the Population

15:30 - 16:30

Biotech Showcase Open Sessions (Imperial Ballroom)

Women's health is often simplified to include only sexual and reproductive health but there are many health conditions that disproportionately affect women, such as heart disease and autoimmune disease. This panel will shed some light on the causes of the women's health gap and how it might be narrowed to bring in a new era of investment for the health of women.

Participants

Panellist: Jessica Federer - Investor & Board Member, Angelini Ventures

Panellist: Grace Colón - CEO & Founder, InayaTherapeutics & BIO Executive Committee Member

Panellist: Chris Benecchi - CMO, Sage Therapeutics

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Media Round-Up: Heard Around the Hilton

16:30 - 17:15

Biotech Showcase Open Sessions (Imperial Ballroom)

The traditional closing discussion at Biotech Showcase where journalists are invited to discuss what was "heard around the square" and Biotech Showcase during the most important week in the biotech calendar.

Participants

Moderator: Virginia Amann - Founder, ENTENTE Network

Panellist: Alex Philippidis - Senior Business Editor, GEN

Panellist: Adam Bluestein - Contributor, Fast Company

Panellist: Allison DeAngelis - Reporter, Biotech Startups & Venture Capital, STAT News

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