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[Georgia Bio BioBash](#)

June 3, 2008
The Globe, Atlanta, GA

[2008 BIO International Convention](#)

June 17 - 20, 2008
San Diego, CA

[10th Annual NIH SBIR/STTR Conference](#)

July 22, 2008
Omni Hotel at CNN Center

[E&Y Industry Report Presentation](#)

June 25, 2008
GTRI, Atlanta, GA

[BioPharm America](#)

September 9-10 2008
Atlanta, Georgia

[Georgia Life Sciences Summit 2008](#)

September 24, 2008
Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA

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The 2008 Summit, whose theme is "Molecules, Materials & Minds ~ Building Georgia's Innovation Economy," is expected to attract more than 800 business executives, university scientists and public policy experts from across Georgia and the nation.

Senator Dole, a Special Counsel with Alston & Bird, will be honored for his role in the 1980 Bayh-Dole Act during an afternoon program that will include a discussion with university leaders on the legislation's impact on technology transfer and the development of the biotechnology industry. Dr. Popovic, Dr. Hill and Mr. Greenwood will be featured speakers during the morning portion of the program.

The Summit will begin at 8 a.m., September 24, and conclude with a gala at 5:45 pm at the Georgia World Congress Center. In addition to the keynote speakers, there will be panel sessions focusing on agricultural biotechnology, bioenergy, clinical and regulatory issues, cardiovascular disease treatments, medical devices, emerging companies, and trends in partnering and mergers. Immediately following lunch, a plenary session panel discussion will feature research advances at Georgia's universities in the field of neuroscience. More than 40 speakers will participate.

More than 60 companies are expected to display their most advance technologies and products in the Exhibit Hall and 100 scientists are expected to participate in the annual poster competition for university and company scientists. The program will also include student business plan presentations in the morning and afternoon.

The 2008 Summit Chair Tom Callaway, M.D., has assembled an Executive Committee composed of Carol Gallagher, Pharm. D.; Bob McNally, Ph.D., President and CEO of GeoVax; and Alexis Pezzullo, KPMG's Director of Healthcare Advisory Services. Drs. Gallagher and McNally are the Program Committee Co-Chairs and have a team of 20 scientists and senior executives organizing plenary and breakout sessions.

The Georgia Life Sciences Summit has become the premier life sciences industry conference in the Southeast. The 2008 Summit will kick-off the excitement surrounding the planning and staging of the 2009 Biotechnology Industry Organization International Convention, May 18-21, 2009, in Atlanta at the Georgia World Congress Center.

The 2009 BIO convention is expected to attract more than 20,000 business executives, scientists, and public policy experts from 70 nations to Atlanta, giving Georgia's life sciences community a unique opportunity to showcase its research and product advances to the world.

For information on registration, sponsorship opportunities and program updates, visit www.gabio.org and click on the banner for Georgia Life Sciences Summit 2008. Discounted early registration ends August 1.

Georgia Teachers Attending Biotech Training at 2008 BIO Convention in San Diego

Ten Georgia science teachers and administrators will attend the Biotechnology Institute's Teacher-Leader Program and the 2008 Biotechnology Industry Organization International Convention, June 14 -19, in San Diego.

The program is an intensive series of workshops to help teachers integrate bioscience education into their classroom instruction. The teachers and administrators who attend will use the information to conduct workshops and other professional development for their fellow teachers when they return home.

Teachers and administrators attending this year include:

- **Dawn Abdus-Samad**, Therrell School of Health Science and Research, Atlanta Public Schools, Atlanta
- **Deanna Boyd**, McNair Middle School, DeKalb County Schools, Decatur
- **Temeka Clemons**, South Atlanta School of Health Science, Atlanta Public Schools, Atlanta
- **Gustavia Evans**, CEISMC, Georgia Tech, Atlanta
- **Yvette Gilbert**, Miller Grove High School, DeKalb County Schools, Lithonia
- **Jeanetta Greenwood**, Dunwoody High School, DeKalb County Schools, Dunwoody
- **Carl Hammond-Beyer**, A.R. Johnson High School, Richmond County Schools, Augusta
- **Amy Martin**, Creekview High School, Cherokee County Schools, Canton
- **Kelly Price**, Forsyth County Schools, Cumming
- **Kristen Roberts**, Shamrock Middle School, DeKalb County Schools, Decatur

Funding is being provided by Georgia Bio, the Atlanta Public Schools, Forsyth County School District, Georgia Institute of Technology's Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics and Computing (CEISMC), and the Biotechnology Institute through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Coordination of the teacher's participation in the Teacher-Leader Program is part of Georgia Bio's overall education outreach to K-12 schools to help improve student achievement in science.

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Below are the titles of the panel sessions; the date, time and room number in the San Diego Convention Center where they will be held; and the participants. Learn more about the 2008 BIO International Convention at www.bio2008.org.

Influenza Research and Surveillance: Preparing for the Next Pandemic

June 17 - 8:15 AM - 9:45 AM, Room 29A

David S. Cho, PhD, MPH – Chair, Influenza Program Officer, Respiratory Diseases Branch, Division of Microbiology and Infectious Disease, National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases
Richard W. Compans, PhD, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology and Director, Influenza Pathogenesis and Immunology Research Center, Emory University School of Medicine
Adolfo Garcia-Sastre, PhD, Professor, Department of Microbiology, Fischberg Professor, Department of Medicine and Co-Director, Emerging Pathogens Institute, Mount Sinai School of Medicine
James Stevens, PhD, Team Lead, Molecular Virology & Vaccines Branch, Influenza Division, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Robert Becker, Ph.D., Vice President, Business Development, VaxInnate

Lurking in the Shadows: Are You Prepared for the Next Threat?

June 17 - 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM, Room 27 AB

Stephen A. Morse, PhD – Chair, Associate Director for Science, Division of Bioterrorism, Preparedness and Response, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Ralph A. Tripp, PhD – Chair, Professor & GRA Eminent Scholar, Dept. of Infectious Diseases, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Georgia
John Carrano, PhD, Vice President, Research and Development, Luminex Corporation
Eric Anslyn, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer, Beacon Sciences
Rich Dluhy, PhD, Director, Nanoscale Science and Engineering Center, University of Georgia
Michael J. Natan, PhD, President and Chief Technical Officer, Oxonica Inc

Antibiotic-Resistant Staph Infections: Challenges and Progress

June 17 - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Room 28 CD

Walter A. Orenstein, MD – Chair, Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics; Associate Director, Emory Vaccine Center, Emory University School of Medicine
Roberta B. Carey, PhD, Chief, Clinical and Environmental Microbiology Branch, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Henry M. Blumberg, MD, Professor of Medicine and Program Director, Division of Infectious Diseases, Emory University School of Medicine; Hospital Epidemiologist, Grady Memorial Hospital, Emory University School of Medicine
Joseph M. Patti, PhD, CSO, Senior Vice President Research & Development, Inhibitex, Inc
Michael Caulfield, PhD, Senior Director, Vaccine Basic Research, Merck & Co, Inc
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Diabetes Treatment: Advances in Cell-Based Therapies

June 18 - 8:15 AM - 9:45 AM , Room 29 CD

Collin J. Weber, MD – Chair, Professor of Surgery, Emory University School of Medicine

E. Edward Baetge, PhD, Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer, Novocell, Inc

Richard Insel, MD, Executive Vice President of Research, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International

Anthony Cheung, PhD, Chief Scientific Officer, enGene, Inc.

Garth Warnock, MD, Head of Dept of Surgery, Co-Director, Ike Barber Human Islet Transplant Lab & BC Islet Transplant Program, University of British Columbia

Improved Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Through Controlled Enzyme Evolution

June 19 - 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM , Room 28 AB

Andreas Bommarius, PhD – Chair, Professor, School of Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology

Paul Devine, PhD, Associate Director, Process Research, Merck & Co, Inc.

M. Bhupathy, PhD, Director of Chemical Process R&D Outsourcing, Amgen, Inc.

Gjalt Huisman, PhD, Vice President, R&D Project Development & Management, Pharmaceutical Chemicals, Codexis, Inc.

Peter Mueller, PhD., Executive Vice President, Drug Innovation and Realization, and Chief Scientific Officer, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.