



## June 2008 BIO Convention Special E-Chronicle

### Governor Perdue to Speak at 2008 BIO International Convention *Georgia Scientists, School Teachers also Participating*

ATLANTA, Ga. (June 5, 2008) - Governor Sonny Perdue will lead a delegation of Georgians to San Diego this month to participate in the 2008 Biotechnology Industry Organization International Convention, the largest biotech conference in the world.

The BIO convention, June 17-20, is expected to attract more than 20,000 bioscience professionals from more than 70 nations. Gov. Perdue will promote Georgia as a premier destination for bioscience companies. He will also invite the global bioscience community to Atlanta next year for the 2009 BIO International Convention, May 18-21, at the Georgia World Congress Center. The governor is scheduled to address the convention June 19 during the plenary session lunch with thousands of attendees.

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) also is a Double Helix sponsor of the convention in San Diego. This enables GDEcD to raise international awareness of Georgia's life sciences industry strengths and set the stage for showcasing the state's leadership in biomedical, agricultural biotechnology and biofuels research and development at next year's 2009 BIO Convention in Atlanta.

Georgia Bio (GaBio), the BIO affiliate and local host organization for the 2009 BIO Convention, is a partner with GDEcD in promoting Georgia as a state of innovation, from research to commercialization, for bioscience products that improve the health and well-being of people worldwide. [Listen to GaBio President Charles Craig](#) talk about the planning for the 2009 BIO Convention.

Georgia teachers also are participating in the 2008 BIO Convention. Ten science teachers and administrators will attend the Biotechnology Institute's Teacher-Leader Program, conducted with the BIO Convention. The program involves workshops to help teachers integrate bioscience into classroom instruction. These teachers, in turn, will conduct workshops for their colleagues when they return home. Participating are educators from Atlanta, Augusta and Cherokee, DeKalb and Forsyth Counties.

Funding was provided by GaBio, Atlanta Public Schools, Forsyth County School District, Georgia Institute of Technology's Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics and Computing, and the Biotechnology Institute. [Read more](#)

In addition, Georgia-based scientists will participate in the 2008 BIO Convention, having organized panel sessions that are part of the extensive conference program in which experts explore trends and issues involving the business, science, and public policies of the most advanced technology development. [Read more](#)