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Abbott to Acquire Solvay Pharmaceuticals for \$6.6B

Brussels-based Solvay announced today it is selling Solvay Pharmaceuticals, with U.S. headquarters in Marietta, to Chicago-based Abbott for \$6.6 billion. The acquisition is expected to close in the first quarter of 2010. [Here is a link to press releases from Solvay and Abbott.](#)

Congressman Deal Talks Healthcare Reform on Oct. 5

Join Georgia Bio for lunch, Oct. 5, 11:00 am – 1 pm, at 103 West to hear the latest developments in the historic national healthcare reform debate from Georgia Congressman Nathan Deal, who is also an announced candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor in 2010. [Here is a link to registration.](#)

U.S Representative Deal (R-Ga.) is a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. This Committee regulates Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection; the Environment; Telecommunications and the Internet; Energy and Air Quality; and Health, as well as Oversight and Investigations.

As a member of this Committee, Congressman Deal serves as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Health, overseeing legislation, hearings and markups for all legislative areas under the committee's jurisdiction. From the Food and Drug Administration and medical research to the Medicaid and Medicare programs, the subcommittee on Health has jurisdiction over many critical issues affecting America's public and private health sectors.

GaBio, Life Sciences Community to Welcome CDC Director

Join us for an October 28 evening reception at Morehouse School of Medicine to welcome Centers for Disease and Control Prevention Director Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., M.P.H., to Georgia and Atlanta's life sciences community.

The reception is sponsored by Georgia Bio, Morehouse School of Medicine and all of the member institutions of the Atlanta Clinical and Translational Science Institute. **This event is free.** [Here is a link to register.](#)

Dr. Frieden will be the featured speaker. He became Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) in June 2009. Previously, he served as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene since January 2002. One of the world's oldest and largest public health agencies, the department has an annual budget of \$1.7 billion and more than 6,000 staff.

A physician with training in internal medicine, infectious diseases, public health, and epidemiology, Dr. Frieden is especially known for his expertise in tuberculosis control. Dr. Frieden worked for CDC from 1990 until 2002. He began his career at CDC as an Epidemiologic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer at the New York City Health Department. In that role, he led a program that rapidly reduced tuberculosis, including reducing cases of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, by 80 percent. He then worked in India for five years where he assisted with national tuberculosis control efforts. The program in India has now treated more than 10 million patients and has saved more than one million lives. Dr. Frieden also served as Director of the Bureau of Tuberculosis Control and Assistant Commissioner for the New York City Health Department from 1992 to 1996.

Dr. Frieden graduated from Oberlin College and received both his medical degree and master's of public health degree from Columbia University. He completed infectious disease training at Yale University. He has received numerous awards and honors and has published about 200 scientific articles.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop Scheduled for Life Science Employers

Georgia Bio will hold an Emergency Preparedness Workshop for life sciences companies and their employees October 12, from 8:30 am to 12 pm, at Gwinnett Technical College's Busbee Center Ballroom, 5150 Sugarloaf Parkway, Lawrenceville. [Here is a link to register](#) and for more details.

This workshop will be conducted by the Frontline Foundation of Dunwoody, the contract manager of the National Biosafety and Biocontainment Training Program of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The lead educator is Louise Barden, Ph.D., M.Ed., B.S., MT (ASCP), CHES, who directs crisis communication for the Frontline Foundation. Prior to joining Frontline Foundation, Dr. Barden worked for the CDC conducting workshops on Crisis Communication, Laboratory Biosecurity and Biosafety, Managing Teams and other topics. Dr. Barden also manages the National Leadership Preparedness Initiative which is a collaboration between Harvard University and CDC.

Preparedness is important for all types of emergencies and other high anxiety events. "Research has shown that most Georgians feel immune to the threats that are real and dangerous," said Julia Janka of Metro Atlanta Urban Area Security Initiative. Although for some the urgency for preparedness has diminished, the current threat of another wave of infections with the novel H1N1 virus (Swine Flu) should spur all of us to be prepared and self-sufficient in order to respond to this and other threats with resilience.

This half-day event will address general emergency preparedness from the business perspective. Specific topics include characteristics of a resilient company, communicating with groups and individuals in event of a crisis, how to evaluate information for accuracy and apply preparedness

and medical information to your situation, and what you should know about the H1N1 virus. This seminar will provide a straight forward, practical approach to preparedness.

Looking for new strategies for managing your company's cash flow?

Let Georgia Bio and the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) ease your pain with BIO Business Solutions, BIO's cost-savings program, which provides products and services specific to the life sciences industry at discounted prices and other benefits. Participation is free to members of Georgia Bio (GaBio). In many cases, the savings from discounted prices will more than pay for membership in GaBio. See how BIO Business Solutions can help your bottom line. Get more information about the 15 money-saving opportunities [here](#).

There is no fee for Georgia Bio members to utilize any of the programs and BIO membership is not a requirement for Georgia Bio members. Programs include:

- Bedford International/GAIN Services
- BioSurplus Business Wire
- Chubb Group
- Elsevier Business Intelligence
- FreeMind Group Humboldt/United Van Lines
- Lexis Nexis
- Linde Monitor Liability Managers
- Nature Publishing Group
- Office Depot Tech Depot
- VWR International
- Wells Fargo Insurance Services
- William Gallagher Associates

[Click here to learn more about BIO Business Solutions.](#)

Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership

You Must be a Member to Stay in the Know

This is a reminder that you have the ability to join and renew your membership online with Georgia Bio (GaBio). Your annual membership in GaBio expires on the date you renewed or joined the previous year. Email and telephone reminders are sent in advance of this date; as well as after you have expired. If you have questions, please call Maria Thacker at 404-920-2042 or maria.thacker@gabio.org. The membership dues are essential to sustain and enhance GaBio's many programs and activities. GaBio has made significant progress in representing its members on multiple fronts. Below is a short list of these achievements.

- The General Assembly unanimously adopted legislation exempting from sales tax free samples of prescription drugs and biologics and investigational drugs, biologics, medical devices and animal health medicines in clinical trials.
- A coalition with patient advocacy groups, universities and the Innovation Crescent business community prevented passage of legislation that attempted to enact limits on embryonic stem cell research stricter than the federal government.
- GaBio received more than \$400,000 in grants in 2008 and 2009 to support its education outreach programs to k-12 schools, technical colleges and universities to create a life sciences career pathway in Georgia.
- GaBio partnered with the Governor's Office of Workforce Development, Atlanta Regional Commission and the Innovation Crescent business community and local governments to create a Life Sciences Education and Workforce Development Strategy for the Innovation Crescent 13-county region from Atlanta to Athens. The effort received a \$500,000 Work

Ready Region grant from the Governor, and now is being expanded west to include Cobb County, east to Augusta, and south to Valdosta.

- GaBio partnered with the Georgia Department of Education to create biotech courses for high school science credit and biotech lesson plans for integration in existing middle school science classes; and is supporting teacher training in these areas through the Innovation Crescent Work Ready Region grant and a federal grant awarded to GaBio and Georgia State University.

Upcoming Industry Events

BioProductCampATL

October 3, 8:30-1:30am

GTRI - Atlanta, GA

[More Details & Online Registration](#)

Congressman Deal Talks Healthcare Reform

October 5, 11:00-1:00pm

103 West - Atlanta, GA

[More Details & Online Registration](#)

BioBash

October 6, 6:00-8:00pm

Hotel Palomar, Alto Rex Lounge - Atlanta, GA

[More Details & Online Registration](#)

Emergency Preparedness Planning

October 12, 8:30am-12:00pm

Gwinnett Technical College, Busbee Center Ballroom - Lawrenceville, GA

[More Details & Online Registration](#)

Is Recovery In Sight?

October 23, 2009, 7:30-9:00am

GTRI - Atlanta, GA

[More Details & Online Registration](#)

GA Life Sciences Community Welcomes CDC Director

October 28 - 6:00-8:00pm

Louis W. Sullivan National Center for Primary Care - Atlanta, GA

[More Details & Online Registration](#)