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GaBio Welcomes Two New Board Members

Georgia Bio is pleased to announce two new Board members: **Parker H. "Pete" Petit**, President of The Petit Group and Chairman and CEO of MiMedix Group, and **Jesse Kingg**, Vice President and General Manager of Dendreon Corp.'s Atlanta Immunotherapy Facility.

Mr. Petit took over the helm of MiMedix Group after Matria Healthcare was sold to Inverness Medical Solutions in May 2008. Before the sale, Mr. Petit was Chairman and CEO of Matria, a former subsidiary of Healthdyne, which he founded in 1970. MiMedix Group is an integrated developer, manufacturer and marketer of patent protected biomaterial-based products.

Mr. Kingg is in charge of Seattle-based Dendreon Corp.'s immunotherapy facility, which is under construction in Union Point, Ga. The \$70 million facility, with about 300 employees, is expected to open in mid-2011. The immunotherapy product, Provenge, was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in April 2010 for treatment of prostate cancer.

For a complete list of Georgia Bio Board members, [click here](#).

Life Sciences Summit to Feature 40 National, International Experts

Speakers: Merck, Novartis, GSK Execs, MCG President

The 2010 Georgia Life Sciences Summit features a stellar line-up of expert speakers from international companies such as Merck, Novartis and GlaxoSmithKline; from emerging companies in Alabama, California, Georgia and Massachusetts; and from research institutions including Emory University, Fort Valley State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Medical College of Georgia, and University of Georgia. The day-long Summit is October 28 at AmericasMart in Atlanta.

The conference begins at 10 a.m. with a plenary panel discussion on big pharma's role in global public health. Dr. **Mark Rosenberg**, President and CEO of the Task for Global Health, will moderate the panel discussion with Dr. **Vasant Narasimhan**, Novartis's President, Vaccines USA, and Head, Vaccines North America; Dr. **Michael Rosenblatt**, Merck's Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer; and Dr. **Ricardo Azziz**, the new President of the Medical College of Georgia.

G. Steven Burrill, CEO of Burrill & Co., will be the featured lunch speaker. Mr. Burrill is a biotechnology pioneer and investment visionary who sits on the Boards of 11 biotechnology companies. He is also on the Board of the National Health Museum in Atlanta.

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Innovation Crescent Receives \$200,000 Grant for Workforce Development

The Innovation Crescent, a 13-county region spanning Atlanta to Athens, has received a \$200,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Workforce Development Work Ready Regions program to sustain its workforce development strategies for the life sciences industry. The Innovation Crescent bioscience region was one of the original workforce development regional efforts awarded funding in 2007 by the Governor's Office of Workforce Development.

The funding will help continue efforts to enhance life sciences career pathways from high school to technical colleges to universities; eliminate the skills gap using Work Ready Certificates and Work Ready job profiling; and increase high school graduation rates through Certified Work Ready Communities.

Georgia Bio (GaBio) and many partner organizations are part of this public-private partnership's effort to accelerate development of the bioscience workforce in Georgia.

Georgia Tech Seeks Employers for September Career Fair

Registration for the 6th Annual Georgia Tech Biotechnology Career Fair is currently underway. The fair will take place **September 16th from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.** and provides an opportunity to recruit from a targeted audience of both undergraduate and graduate students. Past attendees have consisted of Georgia Tech and Emory students from a variety of academic backgrounds including Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and more. In addition to fair entry, registration provides companies with access to a resume database and private luncheon.

To register or learn more, please visit the career fair website (<http://careerfair.bme.gatech.edu>) or contact the committee directly at careerfair@bme.gatech.edu.

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