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Upcoming Events

BioBash at Sweetwater Brewery

Tuesday, June 01, 2010
Sweetwater Brewing
Company - Atlanta, GA
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Insider Advice for Managing Your CRO Relationships

Tuesday, June 22, 2010
Steel Restaurant & Lounge:
Wine Room - Atlanta, GA
Space is Limited
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Money, Money, Money: Funding for Emerging Companies

Tuesday, July 13, 2010
Georgia Tech Research
Institute Conference (GTRI) -
Atlanta, GA
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National Conference on Health Communication,

Marketing, and Media
August 17-19, 2010
Atlanta, GA | Omni Hotel
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Education, Workforce Efforts Achieve Milestones

Georgia Bio's Director of Education Programs, Cinda Herndon-King, Ph.D., has announced two major initiatives that exemplify our organization's efforts to forge partnerships between the biosciences industry and technical colleges and K-12 schools to promote science education, teacher training and workforce development.

For the first time ever, the [Georgia Science Teachers Association](#) is collaborating with an industry organization to provide programs for its annual conference. GaBio will provide special biotechnology sessions that will help teachers learn more about this exciting science and its real-world applications. Read the [GaBio press release](#).

The second initiative involves assisting five Georgia technical colleges in forming a unique consortium to recruit and train workers for the state's bioscience industry. Supported by Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Gwinnett, and Valdosta Technical Colleges, the [Georgia Bioscience Technology Institute](#) submitted a \$5 million grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Labor to support this effort. Read the [GaBio press release](#).

Raise Your Leadership Profile; Sponsor the 2010 Life Sciences Summit

The [Georgia Life Sciences Summit](#) is the premier life sciences event in the Southeast drawing more than 800 professionals from across Georgia, the Southeast and the nation.

The 2010 Summit theme is "Innovation for a Healthier World...Meeting the Challenge;" Confirmed keynote speakers so far include **Steve Burrill**, a biotech industry pioneer and investment visionary, along with Merck's Chief Medical Officer, **Dr. Michael Rosenblatt**, who will be part of a panel of big pharma executives discussing global health and R&D trends.

A full range of Summit sponsorships is available. All sponsorships raise your organization's leadership profile. Benefits include complimentary registrations and exhibit hall space plus tickets to the invitation-only Chairman's Reception. See [Summit sponsorship brochure](#).

Gov. Candidates Urged to Submit Written Answers to Bioscience Questions

Following cancellation of the Democratic and Republican gubernatorial candidate forums, Georgia Bio urged the candidates to submit written answers to the three questions sent them in advance of the events. [Read press release.](#)

Deadline for submitting the answers is **June 4**, after which they will be posted on the GaBio website and sent to the membership. We will also send the answers to the news media.

We urge you to ask the candidates these questions when you attend debates. Our goal in scheduling the forums was to give Georgia's gubernatorial candidates an opportunity to address three issues that are critical to our state's future: the significance of high-paying, advanced technology job growth; the importance of science and math education; and the impact of federal health care reform. [Read the press release.](#)

[Here are the questions.](#)

On life sciences economic development: **What is the role of state government in supporting life sciences economic development?**

On K-16 science education: **How can Georgia ensure that its students will be able to compete for 21st century advanced technology jobs and that our state will have the skilled workforce to support life sciences industry growth?**

On federal health care reform: **What, if anything, is the most critical need for Georgians when it comes to health care reform?**

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