



## Georgia Biomedical Partnership Newsletter

September 2006 e-Chronicle

### Summit Online Registration Ends Midnight Friday, Sept. 29

After Friday, Summit Registration will be onsite October 4, beginning at 7:30 am

The 6th Annual Georgia Life Sciences Summit will feature presentations by seven of Georgia's best companies: Alimera Sciences, Altea Therapeutics Corp., Ciba Vision, Abeome Corp., Celtaxsys Inc., and Metastatix Inc.

Abeome, Celtaxsys and Metastatix will be featured in the morning concurrent focus sessions, from 10:30 am to 11:45 am. Alimera Sciences, Altea Therapeutics and Ciba Vision will be showcased in the afternoon sessions, from 1:15 pm to 2:30 pm.

The day-long Summit will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center. Registration online at [www.informedhorizons.com/summit2006/](http://www.informedhorizons.com/summit2006/) ends at midnight Friday, September 29. After Friday, registration will be onsite at the GWCC, beginning at 7:30 am.

In addition to company presentations, the morning and afternoon concurrent focus sessions will feature four other panel discussions.

#### Morning sessions:

- "Georgia: International Gateway for Life Sciences Companies" with Life Therapeutics CEO **Dr. Hari Nair**, Merial Chief Scientific Officer **Dr. Kevin Schultz** and, Tikvah Therapeutics President and CEO **Dr. Harold Shlevin**. Alimera Sciences President and CEO **Dan Myers** will moderate.
- "Nanobiotechnology" with four distinguished professors from Georgia Tech and Emory University: **Drs. Jonathan Simons, Gang Bao, Ravi Bellamkonda and Zhong Lin Wang**.

#### Afternoon sessions:

- "Financing the Life Sciences Industry" with Intuitus Group Managing Partner **Dr. Rom Papadopoulos**, Morgan Stanley & Company Managing Director **Jessica Chutter**, AtheroGenics Chief Financial Officer **Mark Colonnese**, H.I.G. Ventures Managing Director **Dr. Bruce Robertson** and The Carlyle Group Managing Director **Ryan Schwarz**.
- "Georgia: An Innovative Environment for Medical Device Entrepreneurs" with Life Science Partner President **Dr. Thomas Callaway**, American Cardiology Research Institute Chief Medical Officer **Dr. Nicolas Chronos**, The Innovation Factory CEO **Charles Larsen**, and Georgia Tech Professor **Dr. Robert Nerem**.

**Dr. Russell M. Medford**, president and CEO of AtheroGenics and chair of the Georgia Biomedical Partnership (GBP), will kick-off the conference program at 8:30 am with the release of findings from the inaugural Georgia Life Sciences Industry Analysis 2006, titled *Shaping Infinity*. Dr. Medford's presentation also will include a discussion of the findings of a statewide poll that shows a significant majority of Georgia registered voters supports embryonic stem cell research and therapeutic cloning.

The Summit will conclude with a Gala Reception from 5 pm to 7 pm at the Georgia Aquarium. This event will include a

ceremony to kick off the countdown to the Biotechnology Industry Organization's BIO 2009 International Conference in Atlanta. BIO President Jim Greenwood and Georgia Department of Economic Development Commissioner Craig Lesser will join the GBP in celebrating the excitement of hosting what has become an annual world's fair of life sciences technologies, attracting an estimated 25,000 bioscience professionals from more than 60 countries.

In addition to Dr. Medford, there will be two other keynote speakers in the morning and a third after lunch, followed by three distinguished scientists making presentations beginning at 3pm. Please visit [www.informedhorizons.com/summit2006/](http://www.informedhorizons.com/summit2006/) for more details.

## ELN Newsletter September 2006

### **ELN's one year anniversary celebration a great success**

Over fifty members and guests celebrated ELN's one-year anniversary on September 16th at the Fernbank Museum of Natural History. The event, Martini's and IMAX®, drew crowds from the academic, industry and service provider sectors. A lively night of discussion continued on well after the event's scheduled time with over half of the attendees choosing to socialize instead of seeing the movie--a true measure of the success and strength of this nascent networking organization over the past year. As the premier life sciences young professionals organization in the state of Georgia, ELN is looking forward to continued growth over the next year. The co-chairs of the Emerging Leaders Network would like to thank the event sponsors Metastatix, Inc, Fish & Richardson, PC and Square One Bank, and the attendees for making the evening a success.

### **Yogi Patel has joined the ELN directorate as Industry Sector Chair**

Yogi Patel has taken over the ELN Industry Sector chair position from Amy Hernandez who resigned this summer. Yogi is the Manager of Business Development for Altea Therapeutics. As part of the Business Development team, Yogi shares responsibility for licensing and partnership activities, business communications and publications, market research and product development support. Yogi's experience at Altea Therapeutics also includes supportive roles working in pharmaceutical research and development. Prior to joining Altea Therapeutics, Yogi completed a Medical Information Residency with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals in Wilmington, DE. He earned his PharmD from Mercer University in 2003 and holds an active pharmacy license in Georgia. Please introduce yourself to Yogi at the upcoming Life Sciences Summit and join us in congratulating him on his new position.

### **David Dodd and Tina McKeon join ELN Advisory Board**

The three co-Chairs of the Emerging Leaders Network are pleased to announce that David Dodd (formerly president and CEO of Serologicals Corporation) and Tina McKeon (Partner, Fish & Richardson PC) have accepted positions on the ELN Advisory Board. Both individuals will join the ELN Advisory Board to fill in for Russell Allen who has taken a position as the president of BioFlorida in West Palm Beach. The ELN Advisory Board consists of established professionals in the academic, service and industry sectors who provide feedback for establishing ELN goals and programming. The ELN looks forward to working with David, Tina and the rest of their Advisory Board moving forward into the next year.

### **Georgia Life Sciences Summit on October 4<sup>th</sup> at Georgia's World Congress Center**

Internationally recognized leaders in the life sciences from areas such as business, finance, public policy and government are all expected to weigh in on this year's theme, *The Future of Biomedicine*. This promises to be a great event, indeed last year's Summit was the most successful to date, breaking records in attendance and exhibitor participation. The ELN will be well represented at the Summit with its own booth exhibiting flyers and a short informational presentation highlighting the purpose and goals of the organization. Please stop by to see how the ELN can help narrow the gap between young professionals (both students and career people) and established experts. The Summit will conclude with a Gala at the Georgia Aquarium where participants will have the opportunity to mingle with some of the speakers and others in their field.

### **Additional upcoming events**

As part of the small dinner series, Carlos Amor, Senior Director of Intellectual Property at Perception Partners will talk about Rapid Intellectual Property Research Consulting and Transactions. October's networking hour will be at Gordon Biersch from 6-8pm on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Come meet ELN members and find out what we're all about. For more information on ELN, see [www.gabio.org/cmt\\_emerging\\_leaders\\_ntwk.asp](http://www.gabio.org/cmt_emerging_leaders_ntwk.asp).

## GBP Participates in GA Economic Developers Association Conference

### Panel Presentation Focuses on Broad Impact of Bioscience Industry

The Georgia Biomedical Partnership (GBP) organized a panel discussion on the economic impact of the biosciences industry for the Georgia Economic Developers Association annual meeting in Savannah, September 21.

The session was titled "Bioscience's Impact on Georgia's Economic Development with a Focus on the Role of Stem Cell Research." Participating on the panel were Dr. Russell M. Medford, President and CEO of AtheroGenics and GBP chair; Bill Kitchen, UCB's State Government Affairs Director; Dr. Marie Csete, Director of the Emory-Georgia Tech Human Embryonic Stem Cell Core Facility; Dr. Arri Eisen, Director of Science, Ethics, & Society at the Ethics Center at Emory University; and Ron Grabb, Georgia coordinator of the Parkinson's Action Network.

Dr. Medford provided an overview of the bioscience industry in Georgia; not only in healthcare, but also animal healthcare, agriculture, industrial production, bioenergy, forestry and environmental management.

Mr. Kitchen, an expert in government affairs, discussed the role of government in bioscience industry development and gave an overview of the stem cell research debate in Congress and Georgia.

Dr. Csete provided an overview of the science and benefits of stem cell research, and the differences between embryonic and adult stem cells. Dr. Eisen explored the ethical considerations involved in stem cell research, and Mr. Grabb shared his perspective on biomedical research, in general, and stem cell research in particular.

The session gave the GBP an opportunity to alert economic development professionals across the state about the enormous economic impact of bioscience technologies in Georgia. It also enabled the GBP experts to educate these influential Georgians on the scientific facts and ethical issues involved in stem cell research, which was the focus of heated debate in the state legislature during the 2006 General Assembly session. About 300 people attended the GBP presentation.

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