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Last Chance to Register Online for Summit

Online Registration Closes Today at Midnight

Only five days remain before the 7th Annual Georgia Life Sciences Summit, October 3, at the Georgia World Congress Center. Online registration closes today, but you also can register onsite the day of the conference.

And don't forget, if you cannot attend for the full program, there is a special rate for the afternoon science program, beginning at 3:45 pm. The rate includes the closing gala that follows at 6 pm in the World of Coca-Cola Museum.

With a theme of Growing Georgia's Bioeconomy, the 2007 Summit will be the first to include speakers and discussions on trends and issues in agricultural biotechnology, food nutrition and biofuels as well as the traditional focus on the future of biomedicine, medical devices and global health. The afternoon science session will feature advances in cancer research with presentations by three renowned scientists.

More than 40 speakers will participate, including keynote addresses from Rhona Applebaum, Ph.D., Chief Regulatory Officer at The Coca-Cola Company; David Mott, President and CEO of MedImmune; Russell Medford, M.D., Ph.D., President and CEO of AtheroGenics and GaBio Chair; and Gerald Steiner, Executive Vice President, Commercial Acceptance, Monsanto.

The Summit has become the premier life sciences industry conference in the Southeast, setting attendance records every year. An estimated 800 professionals from Georgia and across the nation are expected to attend October 3, establishing another milestone.

For program information and registration, click [here](#).

In addition to keynote speakers and panel discussions, the conference includes an exhibit hall that is sold out with 60 companies, universities and other organizations participating.

Another special feature of the Summit is the release of *Shaping Infinity*, The Georgia Life Sciences Industry Analysis 2007. AtheroGenics President and CEO Russell Medford, M.D., Ph.D., will highlight the findings in his keynote speech at 8:40 am, October 3. All Summit attendees will receive a copy of *Shaping Infinity*.

Next House Bioeconomic Study Committee Hearing Oct. 16

Georgia's Leadership in Healthcare Biotech To Be Highlighted

The third of four hearings organized by the Georgia House Study Committee on Bioeconomic Development will feature life sciences executives, university leaders, and government officials discussing state policies and funding to accelerate commercialization of technologies in Georgia.

The study committee, chaired by Rep. Charlice Byrd, was formed in accordance with House Resolution 662, which was passed during the 2007 legislative session. [Here](#) is a link to HR 662.

Its objective is to design a comprehensive life sciences economic development strategy for supporting growth in the biomedical, medical device, agriculture and biofuels industries. The committee's final report will identify existing strengths and weaknesses and will suggest how to utilize current resources and expertise within state government more efficiently. It will suggest legislation that will serve as a road map for moving Georgia into a 21st century bioeconomy.

The first two hearings focused on agricultural biotech (August 21) and biofuels (September 24). The fourth hearing November 15, will focus on the medical device sector. In early December, the committee will hold a Summit for all participants to review and endorse a master plan and enabling legislation for the 2008 General Assembly.

In addition to Rep. Byrd, the House members on the committee are: Reps. Karla Drenner, Ph.D.; Larry O'Neal; and Carl Rogers. Three industry experts also were appointed: Clifton A. Baile, Ph.D., Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar in Agricultural Biotechnology and Distinguished Professor in Animal Science and Foods & Nutrition at the University of Georgia; Fabrice Egros, Ph.D., MBA, President of UCB, Inc., in Smyrna; and Russell M. Medford, M.D., Ph. D., President and CEO of AtheroGenics, Inc. in Alpharetta.

Recordings of the hearings are available. Contact Charles Craig (charles.craig@gabio.org) for information.

Upcoming Events

[Georgia Life Sciences Summit 2007](#)

October 3, 2007 7:30AM Registration Available at Door
Georgia World Congress Center, 285 International Blvd NW

The Summit has become the premier life sciences conference in the Southeast, and this year the scope of the conference will expand under the theme of *Growing Georgia's Bioeconomy*. The Summit will showcase the most advanced life science research and product development not only in biomedicine, but also in agriculture, food nutrition, bioenergy and industrial production.

[Bioenergy - Trends in Global Innovation & Finance](#)

October 17, 2007 7:00AM-3:30PM
Ritz Carlton Hotel Buckhead, 3434 Peachtree Road, N.E., Atlanta

With the Southeast poised to play a leading role in the development of future fuels built on a biological base, this conference is designed to build trans-Atlantic ties. Bioenergy – Trends in Global Innovation and Finance will feature business leaders and bioenergy researchers from the UK, who are touring the region on a trade mission. Also featured are innovators from the Southeast US - from the public, private, and academic sectors - all of whom are working to make the region a leader in bioenergy.

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