

SESSIONS

CELL & GENE CONNECT - 04/09/2018

BioPharm America

September 5–6, 2018
Hynes Convention Center
Boston, MA

Welcome Remarks and Opening Panel: Evolving landscape of cell and gene therapies

11:00am - 12:30pm
Cell & Gene Connect

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Participants

Moderator: Janet Lambert - CEO, Alliance for Regenerative Medicine

Moderator: Patricia Reilly - VP, Intelligence Alliances and Product Unification, Pharma intelligence, Informa

Panelist: Mike Druckman - Partner, Hogan Lovells

Panelist: Lawrence Klein - Head, Strategy and Business Development, CRISPR Therapeutics

New partnering models: R&D, hospitals, manufacturers

12:30pm - 1:30pm
Cell & Gene Connect

In the quickly evolving field of regenerative medicine, it takes collaboration among different stakeholders to bring new therapies to market. How are patient advocacy groups, researchers, hospitals, manufacturers, and others working together to bring promising new research into life-saving treatments? Leaders in this field will share their best practices in partnering with others to reach shared goals.

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Participants

Moderator: Morrie Ruffin - Managing Director, Alliance for Regenerative Medicine

Speaker: Michelle Berg - VP, Patient Affairs and Community Engagement, Abeona Therapeutics

Speaker: Boro Dropulic - Chief Science Officer and General Manager, Lentigen Technology Inc., A Miltenyi Biotec Company

Speaker: Walter Kowtoniuk - Advisor, Global Genes; Principal, Third Rock Ventures

Lunch

1:30pm - 2:30pm
Cell & Gene Connect

Public/private partnerships

2:30pm - 3:30pm
Cell & Gene Connect

With the complex nature of cell and gene therapies, novel collaborations are needed to turn exciting research into viable treatments. How are private research institutions working together with public entities to gain funding and additional resources to facilitate the advancement of new therapies? Learn how successful partnership models can be instrumental in taking research from the lab to the clinic.

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Participants

Speaker: Dan Gincel - Executive Director, Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund

Speaker: Issi Rozen - Chief Business Officer, Broad Institute

Commercialization and market access

3:30pm - 4:30pm
Cell & Gene Connect

As clinical advances continue to be made and new treatments and potential cures are being developed, how can we ensure that patients will have access to these life changing products? How are new guidelines such as RMAT designation facilitating the approval of new drugs? What types of novel pricing models are being developed to address the high costs of these products? Industry experts will discuss the new paths available for bringing these advanced therapies to market.

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Participants

Moderator: Amanda Micklus - Principal Analyst, Datamonitor Healthcare

Break

4:30pm - 5:00pm
Cell & Gene Connect

Next generation therapies

5:00pm - 6:00pm
Cell & Gene Connect

With exciting progress in the development and commercialization of cell and gene therapies, and CRISPR, CAR-T, and other technologies becoming more mainstream, what are some of the new advances in this field? How are these technologies going to transform healthcare? Are we getting closer to developing cures for diseases instead of treatments for the symptoms?

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Participants

Speaker: Sarah Haecker Meeks - VP, Business Development, Synpromics, Ltd

BioPharm America welcome reception

6:00pm - 8:30pm
Networking

All BioPharm America attendees are cordially invited to join us.

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Pharma and large biotech presentations

8:30am - 10:00am
Pitch and Partner

Hear the latest partnering opportunities from global pharma companies.

Cross border investment

9:15am - 10:00am
Strategy and Business

Participants

Speaker: Darren Ji - Venture Partner, Lilly Asia Ventures

Speaker: Joseph Siletto - Managing Director, Vivo Capital

How pharma and VC collaborations are changing the industry

10:15am - 11:00am
Strategy and Business

In recent years, pharma company R&D budgets have been under pressure. Pharma companies are struggling to find ways to continue to advance the development of attractive drug candidates from their own pipelines while simultaneously looking outside for attractive programs they can acquire. One way pharma companies can do more within a constrained R&D budget is to partner with outside investors in innovative ways in order to develop attractive drug candidates with "other people's money." This panel of industry experts will explore some of the ways that pharma companies and VC firms are partnering to develop drugs and generate investment returns.

Participants

Speaker: Anthony Barry - Senior Director, Technologies, External Science and Innovation, Pfizer

Speaker: Kevin Johnson - Partner, Medicxi

Speaker: Marta New - Partner, Agent Capital

Speaker: Lance Ostrom - Head, Boston Innovation Hub, Roche Partnering

Progress in neurodegeneration

10:15am - 11:00am
Therapeutic Spotlight

Participants

Speaker: Sophie Parmentier-Batteur - Director, Neuroscience, Early Discovery, Merck

Speaker: Michael Ehlers - Executive VP, Research and Development, Biogen

Speaker: Rebecca Evans - Senior Medical Director, Neuroscience, Takeda

Speaker: Murali Gopalakrishnan - Head, Search and Evaluation Neuroscience, AbbVie

Company Presentations

11:00am - 12:00pm
Therapeutic Spotlight

State of the industry and investment climate

11:15am - 12:00pm
Strategy and Business

Participants

Moderator: Adam Feuerstein - Senior Writer, Biotech, STAT

Panelist: Steve Abrams - Partner, Hogan Lovells

Panelist: Kevin Bitterman - Partner, Atlas Venture

Panelist: Alicia Irurzun-Lafitte - Principal, M Ventures

Panelist: Rick Pierce - Founder, FEP Capital Advisors

Reflections on the Mt. Everest climb to fight cancer

12:00pm - 1:00pm
Special Programs

Join Luke Timmerman as he reflects on his Mt. Everest climb and shares stunning photographs of the journey. Registered attendees can sign up now, space is limited! RSVP required.

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Participants

Luke Timmerman - Founder and Editor, Timmerman Report

Luncheon

12:00pm - 1:00pm
Networking

Nontraditional vs. traditional financing

1:00pm - 1:45pm
Strategy and Business

An influx of financing opportunities is available for life science companies but which way should you turn? Panelists will provide perspectives on financing options ranging from angel investing and venture philanthropy to traditional venture capital, offering alternatives on how they can work together and who best to turn to for partnerships.

Participants

Panelist: Akanksha Halbe - Associate Director, Research Partnerships, The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

Panelist: Nilesh Kumar - Partner, Novo Ventures

Panelist: William Podd - President and CEO, Landmark Capital and Family Office

Partnering in cell and gene therapies

1:00pm - 1:45pm
Therapeutic Spotlight

Participants

Panelist: Philip Gotwals - Head, Search and Evaluation, Business Development and Licensing, Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research, Inc.

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Working within your ecosystem: Leveraging the Boston biotech cluster

2:00pm - 2:45pm
Strategy and Business

Boston is one of the most productive biotech breeding grounds in the world. Top research institutes and academics, early stage VC money, the who-is-who in serial entrepreneurs and a solid representation of mature biotechs all within a few square miles create an unmatched environment for innovation to thrive. No wonder that most pharma companies have built a strong presence to be close to the action. During this session the leaders of several Boston R&D centers will discuss their approach to accessing innovation.

Participants

Panelist: Lizabeth Leveille - Associate VP and Head, Boston Innovation Hub, BD&L, Merck

Panelist: Chandra Ramanathan - VP and Head, East Coast Innovation Center, Bayer

Panelist: Aaron Schwartz - Director, Search and Evaluation, Global Drug Discovery, Novo Nordisk Inc.

Panelist: Kumar Srinivasan - VP, Scientific Partnering and Alliances, IMED Biotech Unit, AstraZeneca

High-impact ideas and use-inspired research....a chat with MIT's Bob Langer on how to create innovations that matter

2:45pm - 3:30pm
Xcelerate Keynote Series

Participants

Speaker: Robert Langer, PhD, Sc.D. - David H. Koch Institute Professor, Koch Institute of Integrative Cancer Research, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Speaker: Amy Schulman - Co-Founder and CEO, Lyndra; Partner, Polaris Partners

Startup pitch competition

3:30pm - 5:30pm
Xcelerate Keynote Series

Qualifying startup companies are invited to pitch their company using no more than four slides and four minutes to a panel of judges comprising venture capitalists and industry experts. Our panel of judges will determine the winner based on the quality and effectiveness of the pitch.

Participants

Judge: Christine Brennan - Partner, MRL Ventures Fund

Judge: Arjun Goyal - Co-Founder and Managing Director, Vida Ventures

Judge: Matthew Hammond - Principal, RA Capital Management

Judge: Paulina Hill - Principal, Polaris Partners

Judge: Carlo Rizzuto - Partner, Versant Ventures

Moderator: Douglas MacDougall - President, MacDougall Biomedical Communications

Exhibit hall reception

5:30pm - 7:30pm
Networking

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4:00PM							
5:00PM		5:30pm - Exhibit hall reception					

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7:30am - 8:00am
Main Agenda

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Continental Breakfast

7:30am - 8:30am
Networking

One-to-one meetings

8:00am - 5:30pm
Main Agenda

Advances in rare disease

8:30am - 9:15am
Therapeutic Spotlight

EBD Academy Buzz session: Mastering the fund raise pitch to investors

8:30am - 9:15am
EBD Academy

This session is designed to help company executives involved in fund raising to create pitches that have the potential to attract investors and reduce the time it takes to secure funding. Successful pitches rely on many factors beyond communicating the science. During this session we will explore proven pitch tactics that can differentiate your opportunity from the many others investors see every day.

What we will cover:

- The top 5 things investors look for first in a pitch
- The top 5 things that turn investors off right away
- Knowing your audience – pitch customizing
- What to communicate and when – before and after CDA
- Selling optimism while maintaining credibility
- Maintaining momentum after the first pitch
- Group discussion – sharing pitch experiences

Participants

Speaker: Joe Dillon - President and CEO, Dillon Capital Strategies

Company presentations

9:15am - 10:15am
Therapeutic Spotlight

Company creation: Does in-house formation outweigh traditional investments for VCs?

9:30am - 10:15am
Strategy and Business

Recently, traditional VCs are taking company creation into their own hands instead of making traditional investments in new technologies and companies. Why is this happening? Is it a lack of good ideas coming out of biotech companies? A lack of quality management? Is this becoming the new normal and preferred route for VCs? Hear from this panel on recent trends in company creation versus traditional investments and how it is affecting the ecosystem.

Participants

Panelist: Anna Turetsky - VP, Lightstone Ventures

Panelist: Michael Gladstone - Principal, Atlas Venture

Company presentations

10:15am - 12:15pm
Pitch and Partner

Big bets in underserved therapeutic areas

10:30am - 11:15am
Therapeutic Spotlight

Every pharma company prides themselves on being innovation-driven, yet the majority of their R&D targets and approaches are in the same therapeutic areas. Sit down with industry executives to discuss why going into unpopular areas alone can actually be wildly successful.

Participants

Moderator: Philip Hemme - Co-Founder and CEO, Labiotech

Panelist: Joep Muijers - CFO, PureTech Health

Company presentations

11:15am - 12:15pm
Therapeutic Spotlight

Luncheon

12:15pm - 1:15pm
Networking

Live recording of "The Readout LOUD" podcast with STAT

1:15pm - 2:00pm
Strategy and Business

Join the STAT biotech team for the first ever live recording of "The Readout LOUD" – STAT's weekly biotech podcast, breaking down the latest news, digging deep into industry goings-on, and giving you a preview of the week to come.

Participants

Speaker: Adam Feuerstein - Senior Writer, Biotech, STAT

Speaker: Damian Garde - National Biotech Reporter, STAT

Speaker: Rebecca Robbins - Business Reporter, STAT

Partnering in oncology

1:15pm - 2:00pm
Therapeutic Spotlight

Participants

Moderator: Philip Kenner - Principal, ClearView Healthcare Partners

Panelist: Christiana Bardon - Managing Director, Burrage Capital and MPM Capital, Oncology Impact Fund

Panelist: Jonathan Lanfear - VP, Head of Oncology and Neuroscience Business Development, Takeda

Panelist: Philippe Lopes-Fernandes - Senior VP, Global Head of Business Development & Alliance Management, Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, Germany

Panelist: Patrick Tricoli - CEO, Nanobiotix USA

Company presentations

2:00pm - 3:00pm
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Xcelerate Keynote Series

Presented by Xconomy, Xcelerate features a curated series of spotlight keynotes from life science luminaries that will capture the attention of the entire festival. As life sciences, healthcare and drug development are undergoing unprecedented change, including the arrival of groundbreaking new treatments and the growing backlash against high drug prices, the keynote speakers will share insights on how their areas of life science and healthcare are adapting to all this change, and what other disruptive forces they see on the horizon.

Participants

Speaker: Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH, - US Surgeon General, US Department of Health and Human Services

Speaker: Alexis Borisy - Partner, Third Rock Ventures; Chair, National Venture Capital Association, Third Rock Ventures

Speaker: Susan Hockfield - President Emerita and Professor of Neuroscience, MIT

Speaker: Elizabeth Nabel - President, Brigham Health

Speaker: George Yancopoulos - President and Chief Scientific Officer, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals

Evening Networking Reception

6:30pm - 9:30pm
Networking

The Royale
279 Tremont St, Boston, MA 02116

Thursday, don't miss the Biotech Week Boston Festival Party at The Royale nightclub. This is the only event where you can kick back and meet attendees from ALL of the official events that are part of Biotech Week Boston. Unwind, network in a fun atmosphere, and enjoy an evening of rock and roll, complete with a headline band.

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