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Venue

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel



Huddle for Warmth, Building a Global Leading Biomedical Hub in Midwest of America

May 30-31, 2019

1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg, IL 60173, USA







Keynote Bio-Partnering

Chad A Mirkin, Ph.D, George B.
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Bala Srinivasan, Ph.D Vice President for Strategy and Innovation, Chief International Officer, Deputy Provost, The University of Chicago

Scientific Symposium

Matthew Tirrell, Ph.D, Dean and Founding Pritzker Director of the Institute for Molecular Engineering, The University of Chicago





Alan Huang, Ph.D, CSO, Tango Therapeutics

Brian Blagg, Ph.D, Charles Huisking Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Notre Dame





Lyu Aiping, Ph.D, Dean and Kennedy Y.H. Wong Professor, Hong Kong Baptist University, School of Chinese Medicine

Bin Zhang, MD, PhD,Professor of Medicine,
School of Medicine,
Northwestern University





Thomas von Geldern, Ph.D, President, Embedded Consulting

AGENDA

May 29, 2019	06:00 PM – 08:30 PM	VIP dinner for speakers and invited guests (Venue: Shaw's Crab House, 1900 E. Higgins Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173)			
	08:30 AM – 08:45 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks: Gui-Dong Zhu , Ph.D, President, Yao Yuan & CEO, Sparx Therapeutics			
	08:45 AM – 09:00 AM	Special Remarks: TBD			
	09:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Keynote Address (1) Chad A Mirkin, Ph.D George B. Rathmann Professor, Northwestern University			
	10:00 AM - 10:20 AM	Break & Networking			
May 30,	10:20 AM - 12:00 AM	Road Show Session (2-3 Tracks)			
Bio- Partnering Forum	12:00 PM – 1:20 PM	Lunch w/Keynote Address (2,3) Bala Srinivasan, Ph.D Vice President, The University of Chicago			
		Alexis Borisy, Ph.D Managing Partner, Third Rock Ventures			
	1:20 PM – 3:00 PM	Road Show Session (2-3 Tracks)			
	3:00 PM – 3:20 PM	Coffee Break & Bio-Partnering			
	3:20 PM – 5:50 PM	Road Show Session (2-3 Tracks)			
	5:40 PM – 5:50 PM	Closing remarks for Bio-Partnering Forum			
	5:50 PM - 8:30 PM	Networking & Bio-Partnering Reception (Food and beverage served) Sparx Therapeutics (700 E. Business Center Dr., Mt Prospect, IL 60056)			
	08:30 AM – 8:40 AM	Welcome & Opening Remarks			
	08:40 AM – 9:20 AM	Symposium Keynote Address (1) Dr. Matthew Tirrell, Dean and Founding Pritzker Director of the Institute for Molecular Engineering, The University of Chicago			
	09:20 AM – 10:00 AM	Symposium Keynote Address (2) Dr. Alan Huang , CSO, Tango Therapeutics			
	10:00 AM – 10:20 AM	Break & Networking			
May 31, 2019	10:20 AM – 11:00 AM	Symposium Keynote Address (3) Dr. Brian Blagg , Charles Huisking Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Notre Dame			
SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM	11:00 AM – 11:40 AM	Symposium Keynote Address (4) Dr. Lyu Aiping , Dean and Kennedy Y.H. Wong Professor, Hong Kong Baptist University, School of Chinese Medicine			
	11:40 AM - 01:00 PM	Lunch & Job Fair Presentations			
	01:00 PM - 01:40 PM	Symposium Keynote Address (5) Bin Zhang, MD, PhD , Professor of Medicine, School of Medicine, Northwestern University			
	01:40 PM – 02:20 PM	Symposium Keynote Address (6) Dr. Thomas von Geldern, President, Embedded Consulting			
	02:20 PM- 05:30 PM	Closing Remark and Job Fair			



Huddle for Warmth, Building a Global Leading Biomedical Hub in Midwestern America

When most people think about "Midwestern America", they associate images of flat plains and sprawling farmlands, but surprisingly not many think of the incredible skylines of Chicago. Today "America's Heartland" is evolving at an ever increasing rate. Not only was Chicago named the best city to live in by several magazines, but also the Midwest is emerging as one of the top global hubs for biomedical innovation — a healthy ecosystem for biotech research.

Within the heart of this ecosystem lies an incredible pool of talent, which has driven tremendous progress on fundamental research and applied life sciences. Their hard work and efforts have translated into numerous life-changing medicines. This is in large part a testament to the top-notch institutions in the area such as the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, University of Michigan, and Washington University in St. Louis, among many others that place immense emphasis on strong life-science related research. The surrounding large cap pharmaceutical companies such as AbbVie, Abbott, Baxter, and Eli Lilly contribute research muscle as well as business and management expertise, an essential foundation to this hub.

That being said, scientific accomplishments and large pools of talent are necessary but not sufficient in building an ideal ecosystem for the biotech community, particularly when compared to Boston and the Bay area. To attract early stage venture capital resources and foster an environment that supports innovative startups, we need to "Huddle for Warmth". What that means is building in all the other factors required for fostering fast-paced growth and development to become the leading global hub for biomedical innovation. The academic institutions and industry researchers need to have a more interwoven, productive, and sustainable form of collaboration. We're looking for more support from clinical research and development, regulatory affairs, business development, commercial/financial experts, and even a strong voice in the realm of government & politics. This conference attempts to dial in all the resources and connections to help generate the synergy which will fuel this wealthy ecosystem of scientific advancement. This would establish the framework to effectively translate groundbreaking discoveries to enviable assets that are attractive to capitals around the world, including China.



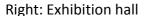


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Above: Mr. Lei Hong, General Consul of China's General Consulate in Chicago

Above: Dr. Terry Opgenorth, the conference chair, is giving welcome remarks





Above: Dr. Scott Brun, Vice President, AbbVie; and Head of AbbVie Ventures Yao Yuan-SAPA Job Fair-2019





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Lunch: \$50.00 (5/30 or 5/31, \$75 value)

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