

# BIO Announces Life Sciences Companies Selected to Present at the 9th Annual BIO Investor Forum

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The [Biotechnology Industry Organization \(BIO\)](#) today announced the initial selection of 2010 presenting companies for the 9th Annual [BIO Investor Forum](#), taking place at the [Palace Hotel](#) in San Francisco, Calif. on October 5-6.

"The 2010 BIO Investor Forum is attracting significant interest from venture and institutional investors who want to see strong and new ideas in the life sciences sector that warrant financing," said Alan Eisenberg, executive vice president, Emerging Companies & Business Development at BIO. "This year, we have integrated our annual life sciences venture conference with the BIO Investor Forum to provide participating companies with access to a greater number of investors and prospective pharmaceutical partners. BIO believes this expanded forum addresses the current industry environment, in which we are all vying for increasingly competitive private and public resources necessary to sustain innovation."

BIO and the conference advisory committee established the criteria for presenting companies. The advisory committee is comprised of members from top-tier firms focused on investing and banking in the life sciences industry in addition to executives from emerging and leading biotech companies. Following are the members of the 9th Annual BIO Investor Forum Advisory Committee:

- Guarav Aggarwal, MD, Managing Director, Panorama Capital
- Brian Atwood, Managing Director, Versant Ventures
- Hany Awadalla, Managing Director, Rodman & Renshaw, LLC
- Alexis Borisy, Entrepreneur in Residence, Third Rock Ventures
- Jim Healy, MD, PhD, General Partner, Managing Director, Sofinnova Ventures
- Michael King, Jr., Managing Director, Equity Research, Wedbush PacGrow Life Sciences
- Ron Laufer, MD, MPH, Senior Managing Director, MedImmune Ventures
- John Leone, Partner, Paul Capital
- Evan McCulloch, Vice President & Portfolio Manager, Franklin Templeton Investments
- George Milstein, Managing Director, Life Sciences Mergers and Acquisitions, Wedbush PacGrow Life Sciences
- David Mott, General Partner, NEA
- James Sapirstein, RPh, CEO & President, Tobira Therapeutics

The BIO Investor Forum will feature more than 140 private and public emerging life science company presentations representing new therapeutic and diagnostic companies from around the world.

The following companies will present at the 9th Annual BIO Investor Forum:

Advaxis Inc. [ADX](#)

Affymax Inc [AFFY](#)

Alimera Sciences [ALIM](#)

Allon Therapeutics Inc. [TSE: NPC](#)

Allozyne, Inc.

Aradigm Corp. [OTC: ARDM](#)

BioRelix, Inc.  
BioSante Pharmaceuticals Inc. BPAX  
Cara Therapeutics, Inc.  
Cell Therapeutics Inc. CTIC  
Cellerant Therapeutics, Inc.  
Cleveland BioLabs, Inc. CBLI  
Constellation Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
CorMedix Inc. AMEX: CRMD  
Curis Inc. CRIS  
Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals Inc. CYCC  
Cytos Biotechnology AG  
Fate Therapeutics, Inc.  
FivePrime Therapeutics, Inc.  
GlycoMimetics, Inc.  
Idenix Pharmaceuticals Inc. IDIX  
Inimex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
LigoCyte Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Living Cell Technologies Ltd. ASX:LCT  
Mirna Therapeutics, Inc.  
Nuon Therapeutics, Inc.  
Oncolytics Biotech Inc. ONCY  
Palatin Technologies AMEX: PTN  
PLx Pharma, Inc.  
Relypsa, Inc.  
RXi Pharmaceuticals Corp. RXII  
Sangart, Inc.  
Somaxon Pharmaceuticals Inc. SOMX  
Sucampo Pharmaceuticals, Inc. SCMP  
Syndax Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Tengion Inc. TNGN  
Tetraphase Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Threshold Pharmaceuticals Inc. THLD  
Tobira Therapeutics  
Tolerx  
Transdel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. OTC: TDLP  
Virdante Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Vitae Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
XOMA Ltd XOMAD  
ZIOPHARM Oncology Inc. ZIOP

This year's BIO Investor Forum will also debut a special "Discovery Track" featuring young companies that have met the selection criteria established by BIO and the 2010 BIO Investor Forum advisory committee. The following companies will present on the Discovery Track:

Catena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
ConjuGon Inc.  
Diffusion Pharmaceuticals LLC  
Histogen, Inc.  
MabVax Therapeutics, Inc.  
Mithridion, Inc.  
MedDEV Inc.  
NanoCor Therapeutics, Inc.  
Neuraltus Pharmaceuticals Inc.  
NKT Therapeutics Inc.  
**Revotar Biopharmaceuticals AG**

Savara Pharmaceuticals  
TxCell S.A  
Zymeworks Inc.

Additional presenting companies are confirmed each day. For the most up-to-date list, please visit <http://bio.org/investorforum>. Registration is complimentary for qualified investors and members of the media.

### **About the 9th Annual BIO Investor Forum**

The BIO Investor Forum is a national investor conference featuring private and emerging public companies. The meeting attracts healthcare venture capital and public market investors and research analysts. In addition, the BIO Investor Forum draws business development executives from global pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.

### **About BIO**

BIO represents more than 1,100 biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centers and related organizations across the United States and in more than 30 other nations. BIO members are involved in the research and development of innovative healthcare, agricultural, industrial and environmental biotechnology products. BIO also produces the BIO International Convention, the world's largest gathering of the biotechnology industry, along with industry-leading investor and partnering meetings held around the world. BIO produces BIOtech Now, an online portal and monthly newsletter chronicling "innovations transforming our world." [Subscribe to BIOtech Now](#).

### **Upcoming BIO Events**

#### **BIO India International Partnering Conference**

September 21 - 22, 2010  
Hyderabad, India

#### **BIO's Livestock Biotechnology Summit**

September 28-30, 2010,  
Sioux Falls, SD

#### **9th Annual BIO Investor Forum**

October 5-6, 2010  
San Francisco, CA

#### **BIO Intellectual Property Counsels Committee Fall Conference and Committee Meeting**

October 18-20, 2010  
Boston, MA

#### **Advanced Business Development Course**

November 12-14, 2010  
Munich, Germany

#### **BIO-Europe International Partnering Conference**

November 15-17, 2010  
Munich, Germany

#### **Pacific Rim Summit on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioenergy**

December 11-14, 2010  
Honolulu, HI

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