

2023 Agenda

Thursday, May 11th	
8:30am – 4:00pm	Registration
8:30am – 9:45am	Breakfast
10:00am – 10:30am	Welcome and Introductions
10:30am – 11:15am	<p>New Technologies, New Therapeutics & Reading the Tea Leaves of 2023 Speakers: Vanessa Almendro, PhD, Vice President, Science and Technology. Head of Innovation, Danaher Corporation Daniel Speidel, PhD, Managing Director & Co-Founder, Breakpoint Therapeutics GmbH Darshana Zaveri, Managing Partner, Catalyst Health Ventures Moderator: Michael Gilman, PhD, CEO, Arrakis Therapeutics</p>
11:15am – 11:45am	Networking Break
11:45am – 12:30pm	<p>Breakouts, Round 1</p> <p>A. The Challenges and Opportunities Facing Those Engaged in the Research and Development of Psychedelics Rob Conley, MD, Chief Science Officer, Beckley Psytech David Rosen, FDA Practice Group Leader, Foley & Lardner LLP Mark Rus, CEO & Director, Delix Therapeutics Moderator: Steve Dickman, Founder and CEO, CBT Advisors</p> <p>B. Let's Discuss Key Policy Issues at the State and Federal Level Speakers: Katrine Bosley, Founding CEO DaCapo & Manta; Chairman, Arrakis Kendalle Burlin O'Connell, President and CEO, MassBio Brian Johnson, President, MassMEDIC Moderator: John Stanford, Executive Director, Incubate Coalition</p> <p>C. BD/M&A Deal Valuations: Real Math or Crystal Ball Magic? Speakers: Ryan Brady, EVP & Head of Business Development, Evotec Liz Leveille, VP, Business Dev & Licensing, Head, Boston & European Innovation Hubs, Merck Philippe Lopes-Fernandes, EVP, Chief Business Officer, Ipsen Maude Tessier, Chief Business Officer, Seismic Therapeutic Moderator: Marian Nakada, PhD, VP of Venture Investments, Johnson & Johnson Innovation - JJDC</p>
12:45pm – 2:00pm	Lunch

12:45pm – 2:00pm	<p>Lunch Discussion: Practical Aspects of Cell and Gene Therapy Product</p> <p>Speakers: Jeff Cehelsky, Vice President of Development Operations, Intellia Therapeutics, Inc. Shrikanta Chattopadhyay, MD, SVP, Medical, Translational Medicine, TScan Therapeutics</p> <p>Moderator: Katie McCarthy, Chief Innov. Officer, Halloran Consulting Group</p>
2:00pm – 3:00pm	<p>Music & Leadership</p> <p>Speaker: Stephanie Oestreich, PhD, Chief Business Officer, Galecto, Inc. and Quartetto Mystico</p>
3:00pm – 3:30pm	<p>Networking Break</p>
3:30pm – 4:30pm	<p>Breakouts, Round 2</p> <p>A. Where Telemedicine Goes Next</p> <p>Speakers: Joe Kvedar, MD, Senior Advisor, MGH Center for Innovation in Digital HealthCare (CIDH); Professor of Dermatology, Harvard Medical School Frank McGillin, CEO, The Clinic by Cleveland Clinic</p> <p>Moderator: Rich Kivel, Managing Director, GrayBella Capital</p> <p>B. Food's New Frontier</p> <p>Speakers: Nick Cooney, Managing Partner, Lever VC Mike Leonard, PhD, CEO, Motif Foodworks</p> <p>Moderator: Karla MacDonald, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Entrada Therapeutic</p> <p>C. Managing Your Board and Investors (Good luck!)</p> <p>Speakers: Mike Bonney, former CEO, Cubist Pharmaceuticals Rosana Kapeller, MD, PhD, CEO, President, Co-Founder, ROME Therapeutics Ivana Magovcevic-Liebisch, PhD, CEO and President, Vigil Neuroscience Jodie Morrison, Atlas Ventures Advisor, Acting CEO Q32</p> <p>Moderator: Rosemary Reilly, Partner, WilmerHale</p>
4:45pm – 5:30pm	<p>Harbor Cruises</p>
4:45pm – 6:15pm	<p>Pickleball on the courts</p>
5:00pm – 6:00pm	<p>Golf Workshop</p>
5:00pm – 6:00pm	<p>Wine Tasting sponsored by Worldwide Clinical Trials</p> <p>Introduction: Peter Benton, President & co-CEO, Worldwide CRO</p>
7:00pm – 9:00pm	<p>Dinner</p>

Friday, May 12th	
7:45am – 8:45am	<p>Breakfast Discussion: Moving Beyond Diversity Toward Belonging</p> <p>Moderator: Marian Nakada, PhD, VP of Venture Investments, Johnson & Johnson Innovation - JJDC</p>
7:30am – 9:00am	Networking Breakfast
8:00am – 3:00pm	Registration and Information Desk Open
9:00am – 9:45am	<p>Mainstage Session: On the Road to Map Human Biology...Again</p> <p>Speakers: Jamie Heywood, CEO, Alden Scientific</p> <p>Moderator: Rodrigo Martinez, Chief Marketing and Experience Officer, CIC</p>
9:45am – 10:15am	Networking Break
10:15am – 11:15am	<p>Mainstage Session: Last 20 / Next 20</p> <p>Speakers: Speakers: Bruce Booth, Partner, Atlas Venture John Maraganore, Former founding CEO, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals Daphne Zohar, Founder & CEO, PureTech Health</p> <p>Moderator: Katrine Bosley, Founding CEO DaCapo and Manta; Chairman, Arrakis</p>
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12:30pm – 1:45pm	Lunch
12:30pm – 1:45pm	<p>Lunch Discussion: Off the Record: Talking About How PR Firms and the Media Actually Work Speakers: Scott Kirsner, Columnist, The Boston Globe Doug MacDougall, Managing Partner, MacDougall</p>
1:45 PM – 2:45pm	<p>Fireside Chat: Robert Langer, ScD Speaker: Robert Langer, ScD, David H. Koch Institute Professor, MIT Moderator: Anna Kuchment, Medical and Biotechnology Editor, The Boston Globe</p>
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Feedback and Ideas for Convergence 2024
3:30pm – 4:00pm	Meet-Up for Post Conference Conversations