



MERLIN Biotech wins pitch competition at Biotech Week Boston

At Biotech Week Boston, one of the world’s largest biotech business events, [MERLIN Biotech](#) Chief Executive Officer Randall N. Hyer, MD, PhD, MPH, won a highly selective pitch competition against 11 other startup companies.

“We are extremely pleased to have come out on top, particularly because the pitches from our competitors were impressive,” Dr. Hyer said. “According to the criteria and the judges’ feedback, the main reason we won is because our technology is extremely innovative plus we’ve designed a comprehensive strategy for clinical development and ultimately treating people afflicted with a number of serious, life-threatening diseases.”



MERLIN Biotech is a spinout from the Baruch S. Blumberg Institute, a nonprofit organization, where Dr. Hyer also serves as president. Both are located on the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center in Doylestown, Pa.

Please read more [here](#).

Speakers added for our Regional Biotechnology Conference on Nov. 17

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2022 REGIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

Michael J. Sofia, PhD
Co-founder and CSO of Arbutus Biopharma, Inc. Discovered sofosbuvir, cure for hepatitis C

Randall N. Hyer, MD, PhD, MPH
President, Baruch S. Blumberg Institute; and CEO, MERLIN Biotech

Anjalee Khemlani
Senior Reporter at Yahoo! Finance Health and Biotech Journalist

Phil Krause, MD
Independent consultant and former FDA Deputy Chief for Vaccines

Some of the East Coast's top biotech influencers will be at the PABC on Nov. 17 for our 22nd Annual Regional Biotechnology Conference.

This event annually attracts more than 100 of the region’s industry leaders and scientists for a half-day of dynamic speakers and topics that are important to start-up and early stage biotech company leaders.

Louis P. Kassa III, MPA, CEO of the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center (PABC), Hepatitis B Foundation and Blumberg Institute, and President of the PABC is the host.

Thermo Fisher partners with Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center (PABC)

Thermo Fisher Scientific has become a founding sponsor of the PABC, supporting operations at the Timothy M. Block Research Campus in Doylestown and our new B+labs incubator in Philadelphia, where emerging life science companies can accelerate their journey to commercialization. Please read more [here](#).

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VeraDermics Inc. secures licensing of first-in-class antiviral targeting the treatment of molluscum contagiosum, other poxviruses

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VeraDermics Inc., developer of drugs for dermatology, has announced that it has entered into a definitive license agreement with the University of Pennsylvania for patent rights covering a newly developed compound for the specific treatment of molluscum contagiosum developed by Penn and the Fox Chase Chemical Diversity Center Inc.

The lead compound identification reflects nearly a decade of research by leading experts in poxvirus replication led by Robert Ricciardi, PhD, at Penn's School of Dental Medicine and Allen Reitz, PhD and Rick Scott, PhD, of FCCDC.

Please read more [here](#).

Two PABC members receive \$25,000 in investments and \$5,000 in grants from Bucks Built startup fund.

Five high-potential, early-stage startups, including PABC member companies WETHRIVV and BioVeras, have been selected to receive a total of \$125,000 investment funded by the [Bucks County Industrial Development Authority](#) along with 12 months of advisory support from Startup Bucks.



Please read more [here](#).

PABC Company Spotlight: WETHRIVV™



WETHRIVV is one of nearly 90 companies that belong to the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center.

While most member companies are involved only in research and development, WETHRIVV already has products on the market and has set up two-pronged marketing with one channel directed to physicians and another to consumers.

Please read more [here](#).

INTEGRA Bioscience's new WELLJET reagent dispenser and dispenser stacker

INTEGRA Biosciences's WELLJET dispenser and dispenser stacker are designed to offer superior user experience and flexibility for applications that require low-cost, fast and precise bulk reagent dispensing.

Both use a revolutionary type of dispensing cassette (EasySnap™) which ensures low running costs and very easy handling. With their highly compact designs, both the dispenser and the dispenser stacker offer the smallest footprints for instruments of their kind, saving valuable bench space. A large, high resolution touchscreen user interface guarantees intuitive and effortless programming. For more, click [here](#).



Saint Joseph's University Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing MBA program



The Blumberg Institute and Saint Joseph's University have created a partnership between the Haub School of Business and the Institute to promote its Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing MBA to industry professionals. Please read more [here](#).

Welcome to our newest members

Welcome to the newest members of the PABC!

- assisTek Inc.
- Douglas Pharma
- Gallagher



Est. by the Hepatitis B Foundation

The PABC has nearly [90 member organizations](#), almost 50 have onsite operations.

The PABC is one of the nation's most successful life sciences incubators. A nonprofit organization, the center is dedicated to creating a world-class biotechnology center; promoting regional economic development and job creation; and educating and training tomorrow's researchers.

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