



15 YEARS of Global Reach and Local Impact

2021 Regional Biotechnology Conference

Please join us for our annual Regional Biotechnology Conference, which is set for **Thursday, Nov. 4, from 3 p.m. to 5:15 EDT.**

Due to the pandemic, this will be a hybrid event with a small audience at the PABC in Doylestown and a worldwide audience online.

This year's theme is "State of the Union: Life Sciences in the Greater Philadelphia Region."

This event is well-attended every year because it offers valuable insights and information for emerging biotech companies in the region including Bucks, Chester, Montgomery and Delaware counties and Philadelphia.

The 2021 conference's lineup features industry experts who are dynamic speakers and topics that are important to startup and early stage biotech company leaders.

Chris Molineaux, president of Life Sciences Pennsylvania, will start the event with a welcome address. Read more and register [here](#).



New president announced for the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center



Louis P. Kassa, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the nonprofit Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center (PABC), will become the center's president in July 2022.

He will succeed Timothy M. Block, PhD, who made the announcement at the International HBV Meeting in Toronto on Sept. 27.

Dr. Block will become executive chair of the Hepatitis B Foundation Board of Directors, which governs the PABC and its two sister organizations, the Hepatitis B Foundation and Baruch S. Blumberg Institute.

Kassa will serve as acting chief executive officer of those three entities. Please read more [here](#).

Dr. Tim Block (left) and Lou Kassa.

Construction is complete, Grand Opening postponed due to COVID.

Construction on our newest building and associated improvements to our campus, a \$20 million project, are nearly done!

The new two-story structure, which is connected on both sides to two existing buildings, increases usable space by 40%, including 15,000 sq. ft. of new laboratories.

The building will give us a new main entrance, additional offices and a 200-seat event space. We also will have more parking for staff and visitors. More information [here](#).



Due to challenges presented by COVID-19, we are postponing the Grand Opening of the PABC's new building, which was set for Oct. 15.

Biotech industry expert joins Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center (PABC) as director of Philadelphia's B.Labs at Cira Centre



The PABC has recruited Matthew F. Burkhardt, a biotech industry expert and scientist, to be the first director of [B.Labs at Cira Centre](#), a new life sciences incubator in University City, Philadelphia.

Located in the Schuylkill Yards neighborhood next to Amtrak's 30th Street Station, B.Labs is a partnership between [Brandywine Realty Trust](#) and PABC.

Brandywine chose PABC to manage the Philadelphia incubator, which will open for business in January 2022.

Please read more [here](#).

Flowmetric introduces VaxEffect™ a COVID-19 Vaccine Immune Response Test

FlowMetric Life Sciences Inc., a globally recognized life sciences company at the PABC, recently launched its VaxEffect™ COVID-19 Vaccine Immune Response Test. A unique and powerful platform, it was exclusively created to quantitatively assess and track, immediately and over time, an individual's immune response to any of the COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the U.S. Read more [here](#).



Watch the PABC's new overview video

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education and training of tomorrow's researchers.

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Internship experience: Lance Xu

Hi! I'm Lance Xu, currently in the junior class at Central Bucks High School West. I'm particularly interested in the sciences, especially biology and chemistry. I plan on majoring in fields related to those topics and going to medical school. I hope in the future to be an anesthesiologist.

I interned for a lab, Greene Street Pharma, that researches and manufactures innovative transdermal products within the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center. This internship solidified my interests in the sciences by exposing me to a safe and educational laboratory environment where I was able to get exposure to many aspects of the lab.

More on his experience [here](#).



Evrys Bio awarded \$34 million from U.S. Department of Defense



Evrys Bio, a biotech company located here at the PABC developing Next-Gen Antivirals, was awarded a \$34.3 million contract from the Department of Defense to develop a drug that is simultaneously effective against multiple high-risk viral agents.

"EVRYs stands for the Company's vision to ultimately address every virus," said Lillian Chiang, PhD, CEO, Evrys Bio. "This DTRA collaboration addresses highly lethal viral infection and extends our pipeline that already includes developing products to treat pan-respiratory, pan-hepatic, and pan-opportunistic viral infections." More [here](#).

Saint Joseph's University Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing MBA Program

The Blumberg Institute and Saint Joseph's University recently announced a new partnership between the Erivan K. Haub School of Business and Blumberg Institute to promote the University's Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing MBA to industry professionals. More [here](#).



Harrisburg University and Blumberg Institute biotech workforce leadership development programs

Harrisburg University of Science and Technology and the Blumberg Institute have teamed up to offer graduate-level biotechnology certificates to prepare working professionals with workforce and leadership skills within the biotechnology industry.



The Biotechnology Certificate Programs will be offered in partnership with the Blumberg Institute starting this fall. Scholarships are available. More information is [here](#).

PABC Company Spotlight shares news from Exios Bio LLC



Exios Bio LLC, a greater Philadelphia biotech startup specializing in infectious diseases, announced the publication of a pilot study in the open-access medical journal PLOS Pathogens. The clinical study discovered novel human small RNA biomarkers that can detect COVID-19 disease.

Please read more [here](#) and consider submitting your PABC-member company's news to Ed Tate, edward.tate@pabiotechbc.org.

Welcome to our newest members

Welcome to the newest members of the PABC!

- Ancillare LP
- CadenzaMed LL
- J.N. Solutions Talent

Each of these companies will have operations on site. The PABC members list is [here](#).



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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