



**Louis P. Kassa III, MPA, becomes president of the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center (PABC)**

Louis P. Kassa III, MPA, became president of the nonprofit Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center (PABC) on July 1. He also now is interim chief executive officer of the PABC, Baruch S. Blumberg Institute and Hepatitis B Foundation.



The PABC has grown dramatically in recent years to nearly 90 member companies, about 50 of which have operations on site.

Under Kassa's leadership, a \$20 million expansion of the Doylestown facility, including a new two-story lab and office building, was completed last year.

Kassa also led the creation of the new B+labs at Cira Centre, in partnership with Brandywine Realty Trust, which opened in University City, Philadelphia, earlier this year.

Please read more [here](#).

**Join us for the 2022 Entrepreneur Spotlight**

**ENTREPRENEUR SPOTLIGHT**

<b>Featured Companies</b>	<b>Panelists</b>
<b>MERLIN Biotech</b> Randall N. Hyer, MD, PhD, MPH, CEO	<b>Bill Whyte</b> Janssen Pharmaceuticals
<b>Neuropathix Inc.</b> Dean Petkanas, CEO	<b>Matthew Burkhardt</b> B+labs Cira Centre
<b>SteroTherapeutics</b> Manohar Katakam, PhD, CEO	<b>Roze McDevitt</b> Ben Franklin Technology Partners

Join us on July 21 for our unique annual networking event, the Entrepreneur Spotlight, that features "Shark Tank"-style pitches from three startup companies. This event, which is free of charge, will be held at the PABC from 3:30-6 p.m.

This year the companies are Merlin Biotech, Neuropathix Inc. and SteroTherapeutics.

Following the presentations, we will hold breakout sessions for each company. Learn more about the companies and register [here](#).

**PABC generates \$7.3 billion in economic activity, 2016-2021**

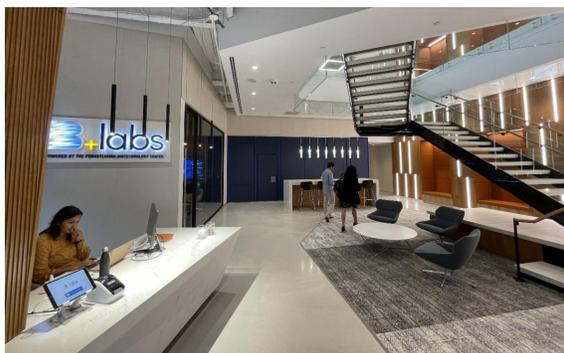
The nonprofit Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center (PABC) generated \$7.3 billion in economic activity in the region during 2016 to 2021, according to a new study commissioned by the PABC's management.

During those six years, the biotech facility produced 1,135 new jobs. Of those, 500 were jobs with PABC-member companies.

Please read more [here](#).



## ***B+labs Cira Centre fully occupied!***



Brandywine Realty Trust and the PABC recently announced that B+labs at Cira Centre now is fully leased.

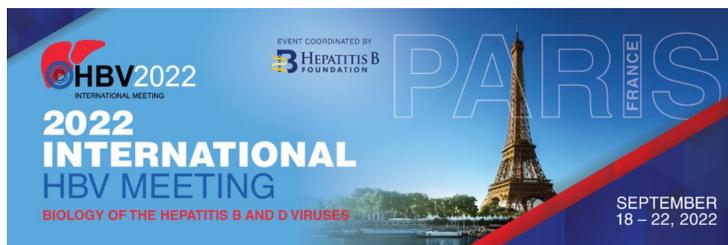
The list of life science leaders occupying the B+labs community includes 3D Systems, Asklepios Biopharmaceutical (AskBio), BriaCell Therapeutics, Carisma Therapeutics, Ceptur Therapeutics, Quanta Therapeutics, Synapticure, Tmunity Therapeutics and Vitara Biomedical.

“The level of activity in Philadelphia and B+labs in particular is starting to feel like Cambridge and the Kendall Square area in Boston. We are thrilled to be here,” said Felipe Bedoya, Director of Cell Engineering and Gene Editing at Tmunity Therapeutics.

Please read more [here](#).

## ***The 2022 International HBV Meeting registration is now open!***

This annual meeting, which is organized by the [Hepatitis B Foundation](#), is the world's primary meeting of hepatitis B researchers. This year's meeting will be held in Paris Sept. 18-22 in person and offered online.



Please visit [www.hbvmeeting.org](http://www.hbvmeeting.org) for meeting information, important deadlines and access to the registration and abstract submission portals.

## ***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 Blumberg Institute to promote the University's Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing MBA to industry professionals. Please read more [here](#).



OrthogenRx, a longtime member company, was acquired earlier this year by Avanos Medical, a major medical device company.

We recently just celebrated the success of OrthogenRx at our monthly company spotlight event.

Please read more [here](#).



## Welcome to our newest members

Welcome to the newest members of the PABC!

- Bank of America
- Bernstein
- BioVeras
- CIRO Inc.
- Foresight Advisors
- Management Planning Inc.
- Morgan Stanley
- ObvioHealthUSA
- Parexel Biotech
- ProBioPharm Inc.
- Subito Motus



Some 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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