



MEDIA ADISORY

Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Executives from New England's Top Companies to Attend the Second Annual *Convergence – The Life Sciences Leaders Forum*

- WHO:** Speakers for the event include, but are not limited to the following executives:
- John Abele, PhD, Dir., Founder & Chairman - **Boston Scientific Corporation**
 - Noubar Afeyan, PhD, Managing Partner - **Flagship Ventures**
 - Joseph Bolen, PhD, Senior VP of Discovery Research - **Millennium Pharmaceuticals**
 - Lee Brettman, MD, FACP, President, CEO and Director - **Dynogen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**
 - Maggie Flanagan, PhD, Global Alliance Director for Global Sciences and Information - **AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals**
 - Jeff Elton, PhD, SVP of Strategy and COO - **Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research**
 - Wendy Everett, ScD, President - **New England Healthcare Institute**
 - Thomas Finneran, President - **Massachusetts Biotech Council**
 - Jean-Francois Formela, MD, Senior Partner - **Atlas Venture**
 - Michael Gilman, PhD, Executive VP of R&D - **Biogen Idec**
 - Robert Gould, PhD, VP, Licensing and External Research - **Merck Research Labs Boston**
 - Sylvie Gregoire, CEO - **GlycoFi**
 - Steven Holtzman, President and CEO - **Infinity Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**
 - Glenn Larsen, PhD, CSO - **Hydra Biosciences**
 - John Maraganore, PhD, CEO - **Alnylam Pharmaceuticals**
 - Bennett Shapiro, PhD, Former Executive VP of Worldwide Licensing - **Merck & Co.**; Director - **PureTech Ventures**
 - Jean-Pierre Sommadossi, PhD, CEO - **Idenix Pharmaceuticals Inc.**

WHAT: *Convergence - The Life Sciences Leaders Forum* (www.convergenceforum.com) will bring together high-level life sciences players to discuss and debate the most pressing topics of interest to the industry - topics like forging strong corporate partnerships; attracting funding from private and public sources; building successful research organizations; streamlining product development and approval; understanding the coming convergence of biology, software, and medical devices; and staying ahead of regulatory changes.

WHEN & WHERE

June 9-11, 2005
Mansion House
9 Main Street
Vineyard Haven on Martha's Vineyard

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