

**Audrey's Life Science Meeting Picks for Feb. 12, 2017 – April 2017
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Bio2Device Group and EPPIcon, Tuesday Evening, Feb. 14, 2017

Topic: "Immuno-oncology 2017 - The crux of the matter, the thrill of the chase"

Speaker: Alex Franzusoff, PhD, Senior Vice President, Research and Product Development, PACT Pharma, Inc

Date and Time: Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, 6:00 pm

Location: Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, 650 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto

Cost:

\$6 - Students/In-transition - Members only

\$11 - Early-bird Registration - Members only

\$20 - Late Registration and Non-Members

\$25 - Walk-ins

Register at Bio2DeviceGroup.org website.

Topic Description

The clinical data and product approvals for immune checkpoint inhibitor (ICI) monoclonal antibody drugs, particularly those targeting PD-1, PD-L1 and CTLA-4, promise a revolution in cancer therapeutics known as immuno-oncology (I-O). In the approved indications of metastatic melanoma, lung and bladder cancers, patients have experienced rapid and durable clinical responses upon treatment with these ICI drugs. Patients, clinicians, regulators, scientists, investors and the public look upon these developments with high anticipation – namely the ability to recruit one's own immune system to cure cancer or to convert it into a manageable chronic disease. Yet, the evidence that 70% of patients in those cancers, and even more in other solid tumor indications, do not respond similarly or soon recur have inspired intensive investigations into the crux of the matter. The central premise of the I-O paradigm involves 'stepping on the gas' and 'releasing the brakes' of T cell immunity, as an automobile metaphor to propel patients into significant clinical benefit. Preclinical and clinical studies of combination therapies, biomarkers, bioengineering and diagnostics are providing key insights, with much more progress needed.

In this presentation, we will consider evidence from several platform technology approaches with promising potential to push meaningfully on the 'gas', thus illuminating the thrill of the chase and how we may still significantly contribute to and benefit from expanding the immuno-oncology paradigm.

Codex, Wednesday Mid Day, Feb. 15, 2017

Topic: "Human Decisions and Machine Predictions"

Speaker: Prof. Jens Ludwig, Director, University of Chicago Crime Lab

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: Stanford Law School, Room 190, Crown Quadrangle, 559 Nathan Abbott Way, Stanford CA 94305

Presented by CodeX—The Stanford Center for Legal Informatics and the Stanford Criminal Justice Center. This event is open to the public. Lunch will be provided. Please register here.

Admission

This event is free and open to the public, but registration is recommended. For more information, please visit the event post on the SLS calendar.

Lunch will be served.

Register at http://web.stanford.edu/dept/law/forms/CodeX_Ludwig.fb

Topic Description

Prof. Ludwig examines how machine learning can be used to improve human decisions. Using data from a large American city, he shows how an algorithm was trained to predict defendants' future behavior, and concludes releasing defendants using the predictions of an algorithm can achieve less crime and fewer people detained in jail, while reducing racial disparities. He discusses one key to this analysis – overcoming a censoring problem: we do not observe what jailed defendants would have done had they been released. One methodological implication is that adapting the techniques of machine learning to this domain must be a joint activity between the design of prediction algorithms and the development of an economic framework that focuses on payoffs, decisions and selection biases.

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Speaker Bio

Jens Ludwig

McCormick Foundation Professor of Social Service Administration, Law, and Public Policy, University of Chicago; Director, University of Chicago Crime Lab

Jens Ludwig is the McCormick Foundation Professor of Social Service Administration, Law, and Public Policy in the School of Social Service Administration. He has a joint appointment with the Harris School of Public Policy Studies, is director of the University of Chicago Crime Lab, and is co-director of the University of Chicago Urban Education Lab. He also serves as a non-resident senior fellow in economic studies at the Brookings Institution, research associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), and co-director of the NBER's working group on the economics of crime. His research focuses on social policy, particularly in the areas of urban poverty, crime, and education.

[Click here to view full bio.](#)

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At CodeX, researchers, lawyers, entrepreneurs and technologists work side-by-side to advance the frontier of legal technology, bringing new levels of legal efficiency, transparency, and access to legal systems around the world. For more information, please visit our website at <http://codex.stanford.edu>.

HBA, Webinar, Wednesday Evening, Feb. 15, 2017

Event: "Webinar: Career Advice For Scientists and Other Smart Women"

Featured speakers

Linda Brock

Scientist, virology and immunology

Laura Rush

Executive director, clinical and translational research unit

Ohio University

Jennifer Cook

Head of pharma, Europe region; 2016 HBA Woman of the Year

Roche

Michele Holcomb

COO and senior vice president, portfolio, search and partnerships - global research and development

Teva Pharmaceuticals

Suzanne Schwartz

CDRH associate director for science and strategic partnerships

FDA

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 6:30PM - 7:30PM EST, 3:30 - 4:30 PM PT

Please note: This webinar will take place from 6:30 - 7:45 PM ET. Please convert into your local time zone and mark your calendar accordingly.

Agenda

6:30 - 6:35 PM Introduction and overview of Women in Science affinity group

6:35 - 7:20 PM Presentation and panel discussion

7:20 - 7:45 PM Q&A and closing

Pricing

Registration Name Price Level Regular Individual registration Member \$25.00 Individual

registration Non-Member \$35.00 Site license registration Member \$350.00 Site license

registration Non-Member \$350.00

Register at <https://my.hbanet.org/MyHBA/EventDetails.aspx?MeetingID=B65806B0-02C6-E611-A5C2-0050569C00A7>

Event contact

Juliana Wood

973-575-0606 ext. 1

Competencies

5. Determined to achieve

9. Networks and ethically self-promotes

Webinar description:

The scientific career is tough. The skills and ability to create knowledge about biology and science is uniquely difficult. In order to create a successful work product, typical characteristics include perfectionism and individuals who are not quitters. Typically,

most of the experiments a scientist does do not work, thus these inherent traits are needed to succeed. However, these skills may not be beneficial when navigating a scientific career.

This webinar will also be viewed in different live Women in Science events throughout the HBA. We will be connecting the live events and webinar through the use of Twitter. Follow #HBAImpact and #HBAWIS to join the conversation.

Registration information

Event is open to: HBA members and nonmembers

Online registration available until one hour before the live broadcast begins.

*The single site license is for use when a group of individuals view the live webinar broadcast together in a classroom or group setting at one (1) physical location. The webinar may not be rebroadcast, retransmitted or recorded.

This webinar is nonrefundable.

Learning objectives

1. Recognize how four prominent scientists have navigated their careers in very different sectors including industry, academia and government
2. Identify how your technical training may enhance your own professional advancement or challenge it

WIB-San Francisco Bay Area, Thursday Evening, Feb. 16, 2017

Topic: "Speed Networking at BD Biosciences"

Date and Time: February 16, 2017, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. PST

Location: BD Biosciences, 2222 Qume Drive San Jose, CA, 95131

Program

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Check-in and Refreshments

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Speed Networking

7:00 p.m. – Walk-Ins Accepted?

7:30 p.m. Networking and Wrap-up

Pricing Information

Members: \$10

Non-Members: \$25

Registration at <http://womeninbio.org/eventdetails.aspx?EventId=30754>

Event Description

Interested in meeting other WIB members? Would you like to mingle and chat with other women in the Biotech and Biopharma industries? Join WIB-San Francisco Bay Area for a speed-dating style networking event in the South Bay! The event will be an informal way to practice your elevator pitch and get to know other members of the WIB community.

Walk-ins are not accepted – be sure to register early!

Registration Deadline

February 15, 2017

Special Pricing for Guests

When registering, members are also allowed 1 guest at member pricing

Parking available onsite

JLABS, Tuesday Morning, Feb. 21, 2017

Topic: "The Basics of Managing the Board"

Speaker: Carol Sands | Founder and Managing Member, The Angels' Forum

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 12:15 PM (PST)

Agenda:

10:00 AM | Registration & Networking

10:30 AM | Presentation and Q&A

11:30 AM | Lunch and Networking

12:15 PM | Program Close

Location: Johnson & Johnson Innovation, JLABS, 329 Oyster Point Blvd

3rd Floor, South San Francisco, CA

Fees:

\$15 | General Public

\$30 | At the door

Details and registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-basics-of-managing-the-board-tickets-28639334019?aff=weekly>

Topic

One of the most important choices for a young startup is finding the right partners to work with. Finding and working with the best advisors and directors is a key to company success. Who do you want on your Board? What types of questions do you raise with the board? How can they help you through the critical years of your company's development?

Please join Carol Sands, a recognized expert on Board matters for an informative and interactive session that will help you answer these questions and make informed Board decisions. .

Presenter's Bio

Carol Sands is the Founder of The Angels' Forum and the Managing General Partner of The Halo Funds. She has spent more than 30 years with investing, entrepreneurial, and/or large corporate institutions. A recognized expert on Board of Directors matters for entrepreneurial entities and instructor at Stanford University where she teaches a 10 week class, "The Effective Startup Board Member."

The Angels' Forum (TAF) has been investing in, mentoring and advising Silicon Valley startups from the seed stage all the way through a meaningful exit since 1997. A diverse group of 30 high net worth private investors, all of whom have created their own wealth via their successful entrepreneurial endeavors and/or senior corporate positions. TAF Members have the capital, time, experience, skills and passion to work with other entrepreneurs to build disruptive and impactful companies.www.angelsforum.com

QB3, Tuesday Afternoons, Feb. 21, 28, March 7 & 14, 2017

Program: "QB3's Berkeley SBIR workshop: The Art, Science, and Politics of Writing a Successful SBIR Proposal"

Instructor: Gabrielle G. Leblanc, Ph.D.

Get federal funding for your startup. Register for and submit by the April 5 NIH deadline

Dates and Time:

Four sessions on Tuesday afternoons

February 21 & 28, March 7 & 14, 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: University of California, Berkeley, Room 177, Stanley Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720

Fees: \$250 - \$750

Free to members of QB3 Startup in a Box. See below.

Workshop Description

The chances of your SBIR getting funded are vastly improved if your proposal is well written and packaged. In fact, many great ideas fail to get funded simply because of poor "grantsmanship." In addition, first-time applicants are often daunted by the intricacies of the grant submission and review process, and unsure about how to interact with funding agency staff.

This workshop will help you develop a compelling, well-organized research plan, and to explain your ideas in clear, engaging writing that will win over your reviewers. We will focus on the Research Plan sections of NIH and NSF SBIR proposals, and one full session will be devoted to helping you craft your Specific Aims (the most important section of your application). We will also provide guidance on filling out your budget, Biosketch and other forms, and tips on how to most effectively navigate the NIH and NSF application and review processes.

The workshop will consist of four 2.5 to 3 hour sessions. Specific topics to be covered will include:

- Introduction to the NIH and NSF SBIR funding processes
- Identifying funding opportunities
- Developing a logical, compelling Research Plan
- Facing and conquering the blank page
- Writing for your reviewers
- Instructor and peer feedback on your Specific Aims
- Making the most of graphics
- Electronic registration and submission
- Communicating with NIH and NSF staff.

This class is designed for applicants planning to submit for the April 5 NIH deadline or June NSF SBIR deadlines (or later ones). The science writing skills taught in this class will serve you well in writing not only grant applications, but also manuscripts and public relations materials.

Instructor Bio

Gabrielle G. Leblanc, Ph.D. is a grant consultant and writer with over 15 years of previous experience as both an NIH grant program director and an NIH- and NSF-funded PI. She has worked with numerous grant applicants in both academia and biotech, and as a science writer for NIH institutes, non-profit foundations, and the popular press. She has a B.A. in Biology from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Stanford University.

ASQ Biomedical Division NCDG, Wednesday Evening, Feb. 22, 2017

Topic: "CER: Controlled Environment Rooms - Validating & Operating for Medical Devices"

Speaker: Featured Speaker: Thomas Lypka;

Moderator: Gary Seeger

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM (PST)

Location: Stellartech Research Corporation, 560 Cottonwood Dr., Milpitas, CA 95035

Online discounted registration is \$30 by Feb. 21, 11:59 pm; Student & Unemployed -
-\$20 for discounted online registration; \$40 at door or online Feb. 22, 2017
ONLY Check or Credit Card accepted at door
Register at Registration Link: ncdgyfeb2017.eventbrite.com

Topic Description

The February session will be approximately an hour presentation followed by a share session of "stories" or incidents with lessons learned from validating and operating CERs that could be of immediate or longer term value to quality professionals responsible for validating and monitoring CERs. In addition, we would like each of you to bring at least a question or something to share about CERs that that you have experienced that would be of benefit to the group. After this, an open forum and networking session for quality professionals will be held.

Speaker Bio

Thomas, or Tom as he is known, has been involved with the validation and operation of CERs since the early 1970's. This includes building and validating the CERs, validating equipment used in CERs, and training personnel to operate both. He is currently the Principle of his own consulting firm now located in Incline Village, NV.

Tom has been responsible for being the General Contractor for building and certifying several CERs since 1985, as well as revamping a variety of CER operations to achieve the desired operational parameters necessary to operate CERs to current requirements, specifically ISO 14644.

Tom has coordinated the building, equipment validations including validation of HEPA filtration systems, personnel training, microbiological training, product sterilization validation and routine monitoring of CERs.

Tom earned his BScME from Michigan Tech University in Houghton MI with emphasis on internal combustion engine design and manufacturing operations. He has designed medical manufacturing equipment, sterilizers, PTCA balloon catheters and ancillary medical devices and teaches and implements lean manufacturing. Tom earned a sub degree in Quality from D'Anza College and has practiced quality techniques since the early 1980's

Food: Snacks equivalent to a light meal and beverages are provided at each event at no additional cost.

Email: To be added to or removed from our email list, contact George Marcel (GJMarcel@gmail.com).

Questions: For information about this session, contact Gary Seeger (gseeger@stellartec.com)

Formal discussion and questions will end between 8:30 - 8:45 pm to allow time for networking after the roundtable presentation.

Materials: Handouts provided. Please limit distribution to immediate personal professional use only.

BioScience Forum, Wednesday Evening, Feb. 22, 2017

"Next Generation Circulating Tumor Cell (CTC) Technology and Oncology Drug Development: New Insights into Clonal Heterogeneity, Genomic Instability and Drug Responsiveness"

Speaker: Murali Krishna Prahalad, Ph.D., President & CEO, Epic Sciences, Inc

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
6 pm - 7 pm networking

7 pm - 8 pm dinner

8 pm - 9 pm presentation

Location: The Holiday Inn, 275 S Airport Blvd, South San Francisco, California 94080, USA

Event Registration (\$3 service fee will apply)

Pre-Registration

\$50.00

On-Site Registration

\$60.00

Pre-Registration ends Monday, February 20th, at 9 pm

Cash or check accepted on the day of the event

\$10 discount for full-time students

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1442A Walnut Street, #308

Berkeley, CA 94709-1405

Please do not mail checks later than Thursday, February 16th

If paying with check, do not complete online registration with Cvent

Register online at <http://biosf.org/>

Topic Description

It has long been understood that a key mode of cancer metastasis is the shedding of tumor cells into the circulation. When conditions are appropriate, these CTCs become the seeds of new metastatic lesions. Hence, the clinical utility of identifying and characterizing CTCs have never been in question. However, historic approaches to CTC detection and analysis have lacked the analytical sensitivity and reproducibility to enter the clinical mainstream. Next generation CTC technologies, like those developed at Epic Sciences, have overcome historical technical challenges and are driving new insights into cancer biology.

Dr. Prahalad will discuss how single cell CTC "phenogenomic" analysis can be used to provide insight into disease heterogeneity, specific sub-clonal species associated with response or resistance to major drug classes, and the development of functional assays of drug mechanism of action. Examples from metastatic castrate resistant prostate cancer (mCRPC) will illustrate how Epic's CTC analysis can be used to guide drug development in targeted therapies such as androgen receptor signaling inhibitors (ARSi), PARP inhibitors, and immuno-oncology drugs across multiple cancer indications.

Speaker Bio

Dr. Prahalad currently holds the title of President and CEO of Epic Sciences, Inc. (EPIC), a venture backed cancer management company specializing in the detection and analysis of circulating tumor cells (CTCs).

Prior to joining EPIC, Dr. Prahalad held various roles at Life Technologies Corporation, a global leader in reagents and instruments for biomedical research. Dr. Prahalad joined Life Technologies in April, 2005 as part of the Mergers and Acquisitions team. He went on to become a Director in the Corporate Development Group where he coordinated all in-licensing activities for nearly two years. In addition to roles within the Corporate Development function, Dr. Prahalad managed several significant businesses within Life Technologies spanning both genomics and

cell analysis portfolios. His final role at Life Technologies was VP, Corporate Strategy where he helped shape the organic and inorganic investment priorities across Life Technologies' research tools, clinical diagnostic and applied markets portfolios. His role culminated in the strategic sale of Life Technologies to ThermoFisher Scientific in 2013 for \$13.6B, the largest non-pharmaceutical acquisition in the biotechnology space.

Prior to joining Life Technologies, Dr. Prahalad was the Vice President of Business Development for Sequenom Inc., a San Diego, CA-based biotechnology company.

Dr. Prahalad received his B.Sc. with Honors from the University of Michigan in 1992. He went on to receive his Masters in Medical Sciences and Doctorate in Biochemistry & Molecular Pharmacology from Harvard University in 1995 and 1998, respectively.

HBA Supper Club, Thursday Evening, Feb. 23, 2017

Date and Time: Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017, 6:00 – 8:30, 2017

Agenda

6:00 - 6:30 PM Drinks and networking

6:30 - 8:30 PM Dinner

Location: Salito's, 1200 Bridgeway, Sausalito, CA 94965, 650-343-1226

Registration information

Event is open to: HBA members and nonmembers

Online registration deadline: February 22, 2017, 2016

Onsite (walk-in) registration: Is NOT allowed

Member rate:

\$10 until November 9, 2016

\$15 after November 9, 2016

Nonmember rate:

\$15 until November 9, 2016

\$20 after November 9, 2016

Registration information

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Regular registration	Member	\$10.00	\$15.00
Regular registration	Non-Member	\$15.00	\$20.00

Register at <https://my.hbanet.org/MyHBA/EventDetails.aspx?MeetingID=A0934E0D-086E-E611-998D-0050569C00A7>

Space is limited to 8 registrants.

Cancellations/refunds

Is this event refundable? Yes

If yes, requests must be submitted in writing to events@hbanet.org by February 22, 2017; no refunds are available after this date.

Event description

Interested in getting to know other HBA members? Would you like to make new friends? Want to feel inspired and empowered?

Then come have dinner with us and join the HB8 Supper Club.

This initiative will bring together small groups of eight HBA members and potential new members for a casual dinner at a local, mid-price San Francisco bay area restaurant. In this intimate setting, you and up to seven other great women will have an opportunity to get to know each other in an informal, social environment and learn more about the HBA and share your experiences.

Pre-dinner beverages will be from 6:00 to 6:30 PM to give you an opportunity to network with all your fellow diners. Dinner will then start at 6:30 PM. Out of respect for your fellow diners, please do your best to arrive on time. Also, do remember to bring business cards to take full advantage of the networking opportunities.

We'll take care of the restaurant reservation and logistics while you bring your curiosity and enthusiasm. One HBA board or programs committee member will be attending each event. You don't know exactly who you will meet, but it's guaranteed that you will meet some amazing women.

Your host for this event will be Marge Josephson, vice president of human resources and operational services, Bay City Capital. Marge has been with the firm since the founding of the company in 1997 by Dr. Fred Craves. She is responsible for a variety of roles including human resources, contract management, purchasing, facilities and MIS coordination. Marge sits on HBA San Francisco's board and global board. She is a member of the finance committee of the Advanced Integrative Therapy Institute.

Note: This event costs \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers to cover administrative and chapter fees (charged at registration). This fee is non-refundable. Cancellations are appreciated at least 24 hours in advance. This would allow time to notify the next person on the waitlist. You are responsible for the cost of food and beverages. If possible, please bring cash (including small bills) to make splitting the check easier.

Special instructions: Free parking is available.

Event questions/support

- Chapter contact for event: Lisa Mazzoni at lmazzoni@gene.com or 650-452-3579
- Membership questions: membership@hbanet.org or 973-575-0606 ext 1
- Online registration assistance: events@hbanet.org or 973-575-0606 ext 3

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Regular registration	Non-Member	\$15.00	\$20.00

JLABS, Thursday Morning, Feb. 23, 2017

Event: Meet with... Mountain Group Partners and TriStar Health Partners
 Speakers: Brian Laden, Co-founder & Managing Director, TriStar Health Partners;
 Joe Cook, III, Principal Partner, Mountain Group Partners
 Date and Time: Thursday, February 23, 2017 from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM (PST)
 Agenda:

- 10:30am | Registration & Networking
- 11:00am | Presentation and Q&A
- 12:00pm | Lunch & Networking
- 1:00-5:00pm | One-on-one Meetings*

*Companies must have applied for a one-on-one meeting ahead of time and been approved. Applications are due January 27, 2017. [Apply Here](#).

Location: 329 Oyster Point Blvd., 3rd Floor, South San Francisco, CA

Fees:

Presentation

\$25 | General Public

\$35 | Onsite

Includes presentation, Q&A, and lunch. All attendees must pay this fee, regardless of one-on-one meeting status. Pre-registration to attend the presentation, Q&A, and lunch will remain open until noon on February 22nd (or sold out).

One-on-One Meeting

FREE | Application

FREE | Accepted Companies

Apply to meet one-on-one with representatives from TriStar or Mountain Group Partners. Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified of acceptance on Wednesday, February 8th, 2017. Acceptance of a one-on-one meeting is not guaranteed as all applications must be approved.

Registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meet-with-mountain-group-partners-and-tristar-health-partners-tickets-28638405241?aff=weekly>

Get a double shot of capital! Two early stage investors from Nashville, TN are eager to meet their next opportunity in the Bay Area. Joe Cook from Mountain Group Partners and Brian Laden from Tri-Star Health Partners will be visiting JLABS @ SSF on February 23, 2017. Joe and Brian will provide an overview of their unique investment strategies and meet 1-on-1 with pre-selected companies.

Program Overview:

Mountain Group Partners invests in early stage companies. Historically, the firm has done everything from work with entrepreneurs on starting companies to investing in

Series C/D Preferred financings. Initial investments are typically made during Series A and Series B rounds.

Mountain Group Partners is dedicated to investing in and actively guiding transformational businesses in the Life Sciences and Technology sectors. Within Life Sciences, the firm focuses primarily on Devices, Diagnostics, and Nutraceuticals & Expedited Drug Development. The firm places a premium on those innovations that have existing intellectual property or a novel scientific foundation for building intellectual property. Technology investments focus on Business Services, Consumer and Healthcare Technology, targeting those ideas with quantifiable development risk and a rapid path to market.

Currently, MGP is investing funds from MGC Venture Partners 2013, LP (\$50M), Limestone Fund(\$14M), a fund chosen in 2009 by the State of Tennessee to invest state funds to drive economic growth in Tennessee, and private capital accounts.

TriStar Health Partners invests in early stage healthcare and life sciences companies - biopharma, diagnostics, devices, healthcare IT and technology-enabled healthcare services. TriStar tends to focus on Seed or Series A round opportunities in biopharma and med tech. In the areas of healthcare services and Health IT they put a premium on companies that have a meaningful customer base and a proven, scalable revenue model.

People are the most critical part of any company for TriStar. Strong management and quality co-investors are key as they seek to build strong relationships with successful teams who have aligned goals and compatible personalities. Additionally, they look for unique aspects that help de-risk investments including access to non-dilutive capital, key partnerships, etc. Companies that can directly benefit from the relationships with the hospital systems represented by our partner, the Innovation Institute, are also of particular interest.

TriStar currently manages \$40M across two funds and recently announced a partnership with the Innovation Institute and are raising a new fund. This fund will seek those companies that directly affect patient care and increase the value of healthcare delivery.

Select Portfolio examples: NuSirt BioPharma, Castle Biosciences, Clearside Biomedical , Aspire Health, TVA , Cerebrotech , Angel Eye Camera Systems, GenomOncology Nashville Diagnostics (formerly known as "Diagnovus" -select assets sold to Aegis)

About TriStar Health Partners:

TriStar Fund III is a venture growth fund that invests in world-class management teams bringing transformative healthcare innovations to market. The addition of a new strategic partner, The Innovation Institute, will amplify TriStar's ability to quickly produce outstanding returns for our investors by bringing us closer to the healthcare market through the Institute's 5 hospital system partners. Those systems represent over 100 hospitals across 19 states and 27,000 physicians. The Fund will leverage these relationships to enhance diligence, help guide strategy and execution for portfolio companies, and provide strong ties to an early customer base.

About Mountain Group Partners:

Mountain Group Partners takes a unique approach to managing the risk inherent in VC investing. This is driven by the team's background as operators, with a focus on lean and engaged management in addition to active participation in managing portfolio companies. Since Mountain Group Partners' founding in 2002, the firm's Partners have invested in more than 35 companies in its two targeted sectors. The partners of MGP also invest their own capital as well as resources from some large family offices in conjunction with the funds detailed above.

Speaker Bios:

Joe Cook, III co-founded Mountain Group Partners (MGP) in 2002. Since that time, MGP has grown from a single family office to a venture capital and leveraged buyout firm, investing on behalf of its own private capital accounts, several large family offices and Limestone Fund. Limestone Fund was chosen in 2009 by the State of Tennessee to invest state funds to drive economic growth in Tennessee. MGP invests in early stage companies in the Life Sciences industry (diagnostics, medical devices, and expedited drug development) and Technology industry (healthcare technology, business services and consumer technology).

Prior to his involvement with MGP, Mr. Cook was a Director, Private Placements in the Investment Banking Group of Robert W. Baird & Co. in Nashville from January 2001 through February 2003. Previously, Mr. Cook was a Vice President in the Investment Banking Group at J.C. Bradford & Co. in Nashville.

Mr. Cook graduated with a B.A. in Economics from Davidson College, and moved to Nashville, TN in 1993.

Mr. Cook currently serves on or has visitation rights to the board of directors of: Castle Biosciences, Cerebrotech, Lineagen, and MiNDERA. Mr. Cook previously served on or had visitation rights to the board of directors of: ABT Molecular Imaging, Clearside Biomedical (NASDAQ: CLSD), Pathfinder Therapeutics, VenX, Diagnovus, and OnFocus Healthcare. Mr. Cook also serves on the Board of Southeast BIO, a regional non-profit organization that fosters the growth of the life sciences industry in the Southeastern U.S., and the Investor Advisory Committee for LaunchTN, a public-private partnership focused on supporting the development of high growth companies in Tennessee.

Dr. Laden co-founded TriStar Technology Ventures in 2009, now TriStar Health Partners. Through his role at TriStar, he serves on the Board of Directors for Cerebrotech, GenomOncology, Molecular Sensing, NuSirt Biopharma and Diagnovus (exited) and is an active board observer for TVA and BioStable. He also serves as an adviser to MedCare Investment Funds, a family-based venture fund created by Dr. Jim Leininger. In this capacity Dr. Laden handles special diligence projects for the fund and its portfolio companies. Prior to the founding of TriStar, Dr. Laden served as the Assistant Director in the Office of Technology Transfer and Enterprise Development at Vanderbilt University. That role involved leading various technology transfer functions for Vanderbilt, which included identifying, protecting, marketing and licensing promising new technologies to companies of all stages and sizes, as well as developing collaborative, sponsored R&D and material transfer relationships with industry. He also participated in the office's venture investment and company formation activities. Since beginning as the Chancellor Fund in 2000, Vanderbilt invested a substantial amount of capital in to 30 different Vanderbilt-related companies.

Before getting what his family described as "a real job", Dr. Laden was a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Biochemistry at Vanderbilt in the lab of Dr. Michael

Waterman, where his work focused on structure-function studies of the cytochromes P450. He holds a doctorate in Toxicology from the University of Kentucky, a master's degree in Environmental and Industrial Health from the University of Michigan and an undergraduate degree in biology from Penn State University.

Connect with Brian: [Connect on LinkedIn](#)

About the Meet with... Series:

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HBA Saturday Morning, Feb. 25, 2017

Event: "Meaningful Work: Finding Significance In Your Career with Cindy Miller PhD"
Featured speaker: Cindy Miller, Coach and organization development consultant,
Cindy Miller Associates

Date and Time: Saturday, 25 February, 8:00AM - 2:00PM PST

Agenda

8:00 - 9:00 AM Networking breakfast
9:00 - 12:00 PM Workshop
12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch break and networking
1:00 - 2:00 PM Workshop conclusion

Location: Genentech (Building 82)

651 Gateway Blvd., 15th Floor, South San Francisco, CA 94080, 650-225-1000

Registration Name Price Level Early Bird Regular

1 - Regular registration	Member	\$45.00	\$55.00	
1 - Regular registration	Non-Member	\$65.00	\$75.00	
2 - Genentech employee registration	Member	\$30.00		\$40.00
2 - Genentech employee registration	Non-Member	\$30.00		

Details and registration at

<https://my.hbanet.org/MyHBA/EventDetails.aspx?MeetingID=35505F4C-90C0-E611-A5C2-0050569C00A7>

Learning objectives

1. Learn how to provide more meaningful work for yourself and for people of all generations in the workplace.
2. Network with fellow HBA members and nonmembers.

Event contact

Lisa Mazzoni
650-452-3579

Event sponsors

How have you experienced meaning in your work? How can you continue to find more meaning as you advance your career?

Event Description

Join HBA San Francisco for an interactive workshop to reflect on your career and explore ways to experience more meaning in your current and future work. During the workshop, you will create your own meaningful work life graph and uncover personal sources of meaning in work. Explore the elements that contribute to the experience of significance in our work lives. Learn how to provide more meaningful work for yourself and for people of all generations in the workplace.

Speaker Bio

Cindy Miller PhD, coach and organization development consultant, will facilitate this opportunity for self-reflection and discovery. She draws on her expertise in human development, first-hand experience leading organizations in global biotech, pharma and financial services companies and her passion for encouraging others to find deeper meaning in life through their work.

Your program event fee includes a full breakfast, lunch, networking and workshop materials.

Special instructions: Please bring a valid government-issued ID card and Genentech employees please bring employee badge. Although last-minute walk in registration is welcome, attendees who are able to register on or before 23 February will have expedited security processing.

Registration information

Event is open to: HBA members and nonmembers
Online registration deadline: 23 February, 2017
Onsite (walk-in) registration: Is allowed

Cancellations/refunds

Is this event refundable? Yes

If yes, requests must be submitted in writing to events@hbanet.org by 23 February, 2017; no refunds are available after this date.

Registration information

The registration button at the bottom of the page will not show if online registration has closed or if the event has reached capacity. If you are a guest and the registration button is not showing, it may be that this is a member-only event. Read more about the benefits of membership or contact us about membership.

The HBA will make reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with special needs have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs.

Contact us if you require special accommodations for this event.

Bio2Device Group, Tuesday Morning, Feb. 28, 2017

Topic: "Machine Learning as the backbone for Predictive Failure Analytics of Devices "

Speaker: Ramki Pitchuiyer , Founder and CEO, eKryp

Date and Time: TuesdayFeb. 28, 2017, 8:30 am-10:30 am

Location: Sunnyvale City Council Chambers- 456 West Olive Ave., Sunnyvale

No fees or registration required for morning meetings.

Topic Description

Unprecedented growth in IoT and connected devices is producing a variety of challenges and opportunities. The advent of machine learning along with Big Data technology, coupled with efficient cloud based deep data storage mechanisms and parallel processing frameworks, has allowed us to come up with ways to increase uptime of critical machines. The presentation details the journey into using machine learning for predictive failure analytics and lessons learnt to drive such a solution within medical and biotech enterprises. With an increasing number of products that have embedded sensors and the ability to communicate, it is becoming imperative to monitor the usage, condition, and operations of these assets in real time. Furthermore, the rapid growth in data for offline and real time analytics enables failure prediction, preventive maintenance, and optimization of operations. We will discuss how machine learning can enhance the customer experience and lower service costs. The discussion will take a case study and discuss how enterprises can avoid unscheduled downtime and increase uptime through data driven diagnostics. As an added benefit, such a solution would also optimize parts inventory plan, improve overall service operations, and increase the Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE).

Speaker Bio

Ramki Pitchuiyer is currently the founder and CEO of eKryp, a stealth-mode start up focused on using machine learning and deep analytics to increase the uptime of critical machines in the industrial sub segments such as medical devices, biotech equipment, and money machines. Prior to eKryp, Ramki co-founded Paloras in 2011, which focuses on helping clients transform business processes in Product Life Cycle Management, Supply Chain and Customer Experience. In 2013 and 2014, Paloras was awarded Top 100 Businesses in the Bay Area by the San Francisco Business journal.

Ramki began his career as a programmer at Tata Unisys and Unisys, and later moved to management consulting at Ernst & Young. He then held senior management roles at Oracle and Ernst & Young prior to venturing out with Paloras and eKryp. At Oracle, he led consulting solution organization spanning several major industries: High Tech, Aerospace & Defense, Automotive, Industrial Manufacturing, CPG, and Oil & Gas. Prior to that he was engaged in major system integration and implementation for Fortune 500 companies and managed multiple \$60M+ global programs with teams across continents.

Ramki holds an MBA from the Anderson Graduate School of Management at UCLA, and a B.S in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from BITS, Pilani in India. Ramki has been mentoring youth in science, technology and mathematics since 2007 as FIRST robotics coach, math coach and Western Regional robotics volunteer.

HBA Webinar, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2017

Webinar - Creating a Feedback-Rich Culture

Featured speakers

Juliana Wood

Assoc. director online learning resources

Healthcare Businesswomen's Association

Deborah Riegel

Principal and director of learning

The Boda Group

Priya Nalkur-Pai

Leadership coach

The Boda Group

Date and Time: Tuesday, February 28, 1:00 – 2:00 pm EST, 10:00 – 11:00 am PT

Agenda

12:00 - 12:05 PM Welcome and introductions
12:05 - 12:50 PM Presentation
12:50 - 1:00 PM Q&A session; thank you and closing greetings

Pricing

Registration Name	Price Level	Regular
1 - Individual registration	Member	\$25.00
1 - Individual registration	Non-Member	\$35.00
2 - Group of 15 registrations	Member	\$300.00
2 - Group of 15 registrations	Non-Member	\$300.00
3 - Group of 25 registrations	Member	\$500.00
3 - Group of 25 registrations	Non-Member	\$500.00
4 - Group of 50 registrations	Member	\$875.00
4 - Group of 50 registrations	Non-Member	\$875.00
5 - Group of 100 registrations	Member	\$1500.00
5 - Group of 100 registrations	Non-Member	\$1500.00

Register at <https://my.hbanet.org/MyHBA/EventDetails.aspx?MeetingID=18379AF5-B3C7-E611-A5C2-0050569C00A7>

Please note this webinar will take place from 12:00 – 1:00 PM ET. Please convert into your local time zone and mark your calendar accordingly.

Event contact

Juliana Wood
973-575-0606 ext. 1

Competencies

2. Communicates effectively
8. Builds relationships and teams

Webinar Description

Feedback helps leaders and team members align personal behaviors with organizational goals, reinforce norms and develop themselves and others in ways that create positive business outcomes. Studies show that professionals who work in organizations with a strong culture of feedback experience more engagement, greater job satisfaction, increased resiliency and even reduced pain and inflammation. When leaders create a feedback-rich culture where they offer helpful feedback in a timely manner — and are open to receiving it themselves — everyone benefits.

In this participatory workshop, you'll learn to convey information in a way that can be heard, digested and applied moving forward, creating a positive environment that fosters learning and receptivity to feedback. You'll discover how to apply feedback techniques to increase positive behaviors and performance, how to adapt your feedback style to different communication styles and when to give feedback (and when not to). Specific techniques for dealing with feedback-resistant employees will also be provided.

Gain confidence in this key leadership skill by practicing giving and receiving feedback with other participants. Leave this session ready to build stronger workplace relationships.

Registration information

Event is open to: HBA members and nonmembers

Online registration available until one hour before the live broadcast begins.

This webinar is nonrefundable.

Learning objectives

1. Use a proven four-step model for giving effective feedback
2. Adapt feedback style to different communication styles
3. Apply seven specific techniques for dealing with feedback-resistant employees

JLABS, Tuesday Morning, March 7, 2017

Topic: "Value of Biotechnology Business"

Speaker: John Selig | Managing Partner, Mavericks Capital

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 7, 2017, 9:45 am

Agenda:

9:45am | Registration

10:00am | Presentation and Q&A

11:30am | Lunch and Networking

12:00 | Program close

Location: JLABS @ SSF. 329 Oyster Point Blvd - 3rd Floor. South San Francisco, California

Fees:

Presentation

\$25 | General Public

\$35 | Onsite

Details and registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-value-of-a-biotechnology-business-tickets-29593178995?aff=weekly>

Topic Description

Biotech companies... do you know your worth? The wise startup company plans their exit from the beginning. In order to properly leverage your exit value you need to understand the different valuation methods, how they are used and who is using them.

John Selig, Managing Partner and co-founder of Mavericks Capital, a healthcare investment bank, will guide you through the maze of sunk costs, sum of parts, comparables, Discounted Cash Flow (DTC) and Net Present Value (NPV) to help you increase negotiating leverage and make more informed funding decisions.

Join us for an informative and interactive session.

Topics Covered

The different valuation methodologies and who is using them

Key approaches in funding for life science companies

Planning exit strategies and deal structuring from the outset

How do my expected deal terms relate to my forecast cash flows and how can I use this to make better decisions on licensing timing?

In cooperation with BioPharma Consortium. Visit www.Biopharmaconsortium.com for more information.

Speaker Bio

John advises life science companies on M&A, licensing and financial strategy. He speaks frequently on topics in valuation, deal term benchmarking, and strategy in the life sciences space, including the Valuation and Finance module at BIO's Executive Management Training course for BD professionals each year and the Valuation lecture at Stanford Medical School's Entrepreneurship Program. Prior to joining Maverick's, John co-led the Life Sciences Group at Woodside Capital Partners, a boutique investment bank. For the prior 12 years, he advised both Fortune 100 and VC - backed healthcare companies on transaction strategy and valuation at Strategic Decisions Group (SDG), a global management consulting firm, and Keelin Reeds Partners, a life sciences consulting firm. While at Keelin Reeds, John led a partnership and M&A deal term benchmarking effort and has extensive experience in applying that data to yield market-value deal terms for dozens of assets, using the results to provide ongoing support during deal negotiations. Prior to consulting, John was an attorney with Weil, Gotshal and Manges where he focused on M&A and corporate finance. John holds a JD from Stanford Law School, where he was an Associate Editor of Law Review, and a BA, magna cum laude, from Brown University, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa (FINRA 24, 63, 79).

UCSC Clinical Trials Course: March 13-17, 2017

Event: Clinical Trials Essentials: An Intensive One-Week Course
Event Dates: Monday March 13- Friday, March 17 2017
03/13/2017 - 8:00am
Event Location: UCSC Ext 3175 Bowers Avenue, Santa Clara

Event Description

The course benefits anyone working in the biopharmaceutical and medical device industries and the biomedical community who is interfacing with or conducting clinical research, including new clinical research associates and study coordinators; medical directors, physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other health professionals; biomedical scientists; statisticians and database administrators; and business professionals.

WIB, Thursday Evening, March 16, 2017

Event: WIB-San Francisco Bay Area Women's History Month Event:
Leveraging Partnerships in the Growing Immuno-Oncology Space,
Date and Time: Thursday, March 16, 2017, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. PST
Moderator: Stacy Feld, VP, Consumer Venture Investments & External Innovation, J&J Innovation - JJDC
Panelists: Julie Hambleton, MD, VP and Head of US Medical, Bristol-Myers Squibb
Sylvaine Cases, PhD, VP of Oncology Scientific Innovation, Janssen R&D and J&J Innovation; Jane Grogan, PhD, Head of Adaptive Tumor Immunity and Principal Scientist, Genentech
Registration Deadline
March 13, 2017
Location: JLABS @ SSF, 329 Oyster Point Blvd., South San Francisco, CA 94080
Fees: Member - \$25 and Nonmember-\$55
Register at <http://womeninbio.org/eventdetails.aspx?EventId=30876>

Event Description

This event will feature women leading innovation, development, and growth through partnerships at life science companies. As biopharmaceutical companies seek to add novel candidates to their pipeline, immuno-oncology (pharmaceuticals that target the immune system to help fight cancer) has been an active area of focus for venture capital investment, partnerships, and collaborations in the life science sector. Although the immuno-oncology space is still nascent, there has been a steady flow of collaborations announced across a diverse range of deal structures. Panelists will share their perspectives, experience, and lessons learned in evaluating and implementing immuno-oncology partnerships. Come and be inspired by these women leading the way in the biotech industry!

Participants will:

- Hear about trends in immuno-oncology
- Listen to industry leaders describe critical factors for successful partnerships
- Learn about partnership resource needs and life cycle as well as examples of building from synergies
- Be exposed to various types of collaborations and lessons learned in evaluating and implementing these partnerships.

Learn more and register for this event.

CABS, Saturday Afternoon, March 18, 2017

Topic: "NGS for cancer and autoimmune diseases"

Date and Time: Saturday March 18, 2017 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Hanqi Investment, 1633 Bayshore Hwy, Unit 280, Burlingame, CA 94010

Cost: free

Registration: [here](#) (space is limited)

Register at

<http://www.cabsweb.org/events/2455515/NGS%20for%20cancer%20and%20autoimmune%20diseases/>

Program Description

Presentations:

- Personalized health care for oncology by Craig Cummings, Associate Director, Oncology Biomarker Development, Genentech
- NGS application in immunology studies by Naibo Yang, Director, Immunogenetics, Complete Genomics Inc.

CABS, Saturday Afternoon, March 25, 2017

Topic: "Precision Medicine for oncology and immunology"

Date and Time: Saturday March 25, 2017 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Hanqi Investment, 1633 Bayshore Hwy, Unit 280, Burlingame, CA 94010

Free

Register at

<http://www.cabsweb.org/registration/2455518/Precision%20Medicine%20for%20oncology%20and%20immunology/>

Presentations:

1. Liquid biopsies in precision drug development by Shidong Jia, Founder and CEO of Predicine Holdings Ltd.

Cancer immunotherapy and targeted therapy offer great promise in precision oncology, where predictive biomarkers have been extensively investigated in various types of cancer patients. The talk will describe development and clinical application of an innovative, next generation sequencing based liquid biopsy test to support cancer immunotherapy clinical trials.

Speaker Bio

Dr. Shidong Jia is the Founder and CEO of Predicine Holdings Ltd, an international precision medicine organization that is committed to developing innovative diagnostics, therapeutics and big data in cancer and other serious diseases. The company operates in California, USA and Shanghai, China. Driven by a passion to improve personalized medicine, Dr. Jia has dedicated the past 21 years to basic, translational, and clinical cancer research. His previous work identified p110beta as novel drug target for PTEN-deficient prostate tumors (Jia S, et al. *Nature*, 2008), a finding that laid the foundation for the clinical development and testing of p110beta inhibitors in cancers. Most recently, his team at Predicine developed world's first ctRNA and ctDNA combined liquid biopsy test for precision medicine in cancer. A former Scientist, principal investigator and prostate cancer disease area lead at Genentech, Dr. Jia spearheaded the biomarker strategies and drug & diagnostics co-developments efforts in support of clinical oncology pipeline at various stages (i.e., early stage research, late stage research, early clinical development, Phase I and Phase II clinical trials), culminated by the Lifecycle Investment Point (LIP) achievement of driving an investigative drug from global Phase II into Phase III pivotal clinical trial. Prior to joining Genentech, Dr. Jia was Laboratory Head for Oncology Drug Discovery at the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research in Cambridge, MA. Dr. Jia serves as the Editor-in-Chief of "Journal of Circulating Biomarkers", Guest Associate Editor of "Frontiers in Oncology", and Members of National Cancer Institute Review Committees and the Italian Ministry of Health - Scientific Research and Health Innovation Review Committee. Dr. Jia is a BayHelix member and receipt of several awards, including the "Young Investigator Award" at the Fourth Asian Congress for Microcirculation in Indonesia and the "P.A.R.T. Investigatorship Award" at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School in Boston.

2. Towards an Assay of Global Immunocompetence by Holden Maecker, Director, Human Immune Monitoring Center, Stanford

A long-term goal of our laboratory is to define metrics of healthy immune function and the deviations that predict or define disease states. There are many facets of the immune system that can be measured, and few clinically accepted tests of immune function. However, we hypothesize that a comprehensive assessment of the proportions, phenotypes, and functions of specific immune cell subsets in blood should be helpful in defining these metrics. We have therefore defined for this purpose a mass cytometry assay using phorbol myristate acetate (PMA)+ionomycin stimulation of peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC), with staining for approximately 40 cell-surface and intracellular proteins, including lineage markers, cytokines, and other functional markers. Mass cytometry, or CyTOF, is a version of flow cytometry that uses heavy metal ion labels in place of fluorochromes, with readout by time-of-flight mass spectrometry. The CyTOF platform allows for many more labeled antibodies to be used in combination, with much less spillover between detection channels, compared to conventional flow cytometry. In this talk, I will describe this methodology and how we are applying it currently to the monitoring of patients undergoing cancer immunotherapy. Our goal in these studies is to better tailor immunotherapies to specific patients, and to suggest approaches that might be useful to address those patients with suboptimal immune function.

Speaker Bio

Dr. Holden T. Maecker received his PhD from Stanford University, is currently Assoc. Prof. at Microbiology & Immunology department and Director of Human Immune Monitoring Center at Stanford. His research is in the area of T cell response signatures and their association with protection from chronic pathogens and cancer. His lab has published a number of papers on this topic, both alone and in collaboration with other groups, in systems such as CMV, HIV, tuberculosis, and cancer. The Human Immune Monitoring Center (HIMC) is a Stanford core service laboratory, which performs blood processing and standardized assays using flow cytometry, genomics, and immunoassay platforms. For the past five years, his lab has gained extensive experience with CyTOF mass cytometry. In addition to being PI on multiple NIH, industry, and foundation grants, Dr. Maecker serves as a core leader for several cooperative center grants and other large collaborative projects, in which he oversees the use of HIMC assays, including data analysis and interpretation.

EPPICon, Saturday, March 25, 2017

Event: EPPICon 2017

Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel San Francisco Airport, 1177 Airport Blvd, Burlingame, CA 94010

Event Description

The 11th Annual flagship event of EPPIC Global, a San Francisco Bay Area based organization focused on pioneering advances in the life sciences and partnering, mentoring, and networking for professionals.

Featuring talks and panel discussions from leading experts on Immunotherapy, Bioinformatics and Devices

Who Should Attend

Entrepreneurs, Innovators, Researchers, Investors and Professionals (including Service Providers) from Pharma, Biotech, Diagnostics, Devices and Digital Health

Past Speakers at EPPICon

Kim Bush, Ann Lee, Corey Goodman, Hal Barron, James Sabry, Timothy Moore, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Steven Isaacs and many more...

Stay tuned - Conference registration and additional information coming soon!

EPPICon 2017 Organizing Committee

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JLABS, Tuesday Morning, March 28, 2017

Topic: "Meet with ...MPM Capital"Program Overview:

Speakers: Vinay Bhaskar, Ph.D., Principal with MPM Capital;

Luke Evnin | Managing Director, MPM Capital

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 10:30 am

Agenda:

10:30am | Registration & Networking

11:00am | Presentation and Q&A
11:45am | Lunch & Networking
12:30-5:00pm | One-on-one Meetings*

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Fees:

Presentation

\$25 | General Public

\$35 | Onsite

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One-on-One Meeting

FREE | Application

FREE | Accepted Companies

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Registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meet-with-mpm-capital-tickets-29590468889?aff=weekly>

Topic Description

Do you have innovation that will change the face of medicine? MPM Capital is looking for leading scientific research that addresses unmet medical needs across all therapeutic areas. MPM is no stranger to Johnson and Johnson Innovation, JLABS (JLABS) with investments that recently helped 3 Bay Area JLABS companies reach the next level. MPM is now investing two funds, BV2014, a \$400M fund focusing on early stage companies developing therapies for unmet medical needs (Series A and earlier), and the Oncology Impact Fund, a \$470M fund that invests solely in oncology companies of any stage (therapeutics only – no diagnostics). For more information on MPM visit <http://www.mpmcapital.com/>

Vinay Bhaskar, Ph.D., Principal with MPM Capital, will be in attendance to provide an overview presentation on MPM's key areas of interest and venture investment philosophy. Vin will be joined by Luke Evnin to answer any questions and meet with a handful of applicants for one-on-one meetings. To be considered for a one-on-one meeting complete the information required in the link below.

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Speaker Bios

Luke Evnin, Ph.D., co-founded MPM with Ansbert Gadicke in 1997 and opened the San Francisco office in 1999. The MPM team they have led has been the inspiration and driving force behind building companies such as Biomarin (BMRN), CoStim Pharmaceuticals (acquired by Novartis: NVS), Epizyme (EPZM), Idenix (acquired by Merck: MRK), Pacira (PCRX), Pharmasset (acquired by Gilead: GILD) and Radisu (RDUS). MPM believes that these companies are among the biggest successes in biotech history - companies that ultimately resulted in helping thousands of patients live longer with vastly improved lives. Luke was lead investor and has served on the boards of several of MPM's most successful investments including CoStim Pharmaceuticals, Idun Pharmaceuticals, and Pacira.

Prior to co-founding MPM, Luke honed his skills as a venture capitalist beginning in 1990 at Accel Partners where he focused on emerging healthcare companies. Luke's passion for drug discovery began in college where he received his A.B. in Molecular Biology from Princeton University. He advanced his technical training and launched his interest in curing disease with his doctoral study in Department of Biochemistry at the University of California - San Francisco. Luke's passion for discovering and pushing forward groundbreaking drug discovery companies inspires his work and that of his team. Luke has devoted significant efforts since 2000 to working with Scleroderma Research Foundation, serving as Chairman since 2002. Luke also devotes energy to the External Advisory Board at the Lewis-Sigler Institute for Quantitative Genomics at Princeton, serves on the External Advisory Boards for QB3 at UCSF, the Masters in Translation Medicine program at UCSF, and Boston University Scleroderma CORT.

Vinay Bhaskar, Ph.D., joined MPM in 2016 after leading External R&D for the Oncology therapeutic area at Amgen. In this role, Vin was instrumental in forging collaborations with companies such as Kite Pharma, Merck, and Xencor. During this time he also led internal immuno-oncology strategy discussions and served as executive sponsor and/or board observer for several Amgen Ventures investments, including Surface Oncology, Precision BioSciences and Tizona Therapeutics, a company founded by MPM. Vin joined Amgen through its acquisition of Onyx Pharmaceuticals, where he led preclinical search, evaluation, and diligence for licensing and acquisition opportunities on the Asset Acquisition Team.

Prior to joining Onyx, Vin held a variety of roles of increasing responsibility in Discovery Research at Portola Pharmaceuticals, XOMA, PDL Biopharma and Eos Biotechnology. In these roles, he initiated and led multiple preclinical project teams and functional groups focused on biologics and spanned oncology, inflammation and cardio metabolic disease. Through these endeavors, Vin has gained broad expertise across all phases of drug discovery, early development and process sciences. Vin holds a Ph. D. in Biochemistry from UCLA and a B.S. in Biochemistry from UC Davis.

Biomedical Engineering Society, Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Event: 8th Annual Bay Area Biomedical Device Conference-Medical Devices in the Connected World

Date and Time: Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 7:30 am

Location: SJSU Student Union Ballroom, San Jose State University

Please take advantage of the reduced early registration which ends on March 16, 2017 at 5:00 pm. PST.

Visit our website at www.biomedconference.org for more details or email info@biomedconference.org if you have any questions.

Register at <http://www.biomedconference.org/register>

Event Description

The Biomedical Engineering Society at San Jose State University (SJSU) is happy to announce the 8th Annual Bay Area Biomedical Device Conference!

Some exciting features of this conference include:

- An expert biomedical plenary speaker
- Informative parallel sessions
- Interactive Industry & CEO Panels
- Student Research Posters
- Sponsors and representatives from various biomedical companies
- Wine & cheese networking reception
- & More!

PBSS Workshop, Thursday Afternoon, March 30 2017

Event: "Best CMC Practices for Successful Drug Development and Commercialization: Leveraging QbD and risk-based strategies for efficient CMC development"

Speakers: Prabu Nambiar, Edward Ciolkowski, James Bush (Syner-G Pharma Consulting)

Date and Time: Thursday, March 30, 2017, 12:30-5:00 pm Registration fee (US\$): Regular: \$125;

Academic: \$75; For unemployed & students: \$25; For vendor-show reps: \$25; For major-sponsor rep (incl lunch): \$0; For others, details available upon online login.

Location: SF Bay Area: Foster City Crowne Plaza

Registration: <http://www.pbss.org/asp/eventInfo.aspx?eID=528>

Further Information:

Registration deadline: 3/28/2017 (it will close sooner if the seating cap is reached)

support@PBSS.org

www.PBSS.org

JLABS, Tuesday Morning, April 18, 2017

Topic: "Meet with the Gates Foundation"

Speaker: Charlotte Hubbert, PhD | Partner, Gates Foundation Venture Capital

Location: JLABS @ SSF, 329 Oyster Point Blvd - 3rd Floor, South San Francisco, California

Date and Time: Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 10:30 am

Agenda:

10:30am | Registration & Networking

11:00am | Company Presentation and Q&A

11:45am | Lunch & Networking

12:45-5:00pm | One-on-one Meetings*

*Companies must have apply ahead of time and be approved for a one-on-one meeting. Application period ends March, 13, 2017. Apply Here.

Fees:

Presentation

\$25 | General Public

\$35 | Onsite

Includes presentation, Q&A, and lunch. All attendees must pay this fee, regardless of one-on-one meeting status. Pre-registration to attend the presentation, Q&A, and lunch will remain open until 12:30pm on April 18th (or sold out).

One-on-One Meeting

FREE | Application

FREE | Accepted Companies

Companies must have applied for a one-on-one meeting ahead of time. The one-on-one application period will close on March 13, 2017. Your application will be reviewed and you will be notified of acceptance by March 30, 2017. Acceptance of one-on-one meeting is not guaranteed as all applications must be approved

Registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meet-with-the-gates-foundation-tickets-29533732188?aff=weekly>

Program Overview:

The path out of poverty is paved with access to quality healthcare. Do you have solutions that will make a difference? The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is advancing science and technology to save lives in developing countries. The Foundation works with partners to deliver proven tools—including vaccines, drugs, and diagnostics—and discover ground breaking new solutions that are affordable and reliable. Focus areas for investments center on infectious diseases including HIV, polio, TB, dengue and malaria, as well as diagnostics and health IT ideas that bring health interventions to people who need them most.

Charlotte Hubbert, Partner with Gates Foundation Venture Capital, will be in attendance to provide an overview presentation on the Foundation's key areas of interest and venture investment philosophy. Gates Foundation Venture Capital operates under the Program Related Investments group at the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation, which manages a \$1.5B allocation for private sector investment. Charlotte will be on hand to meet with a handful of applicants one-on-one after the presentation. To be considered for a one-on-one meeting complete the information required at the link below.

Speaker Bio

Charlotte Hubbert is a Partner with Gates Foundation Venture Capital, investing innovative technologies that support The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation initiatives in Global Health and Agriculture. Prior to joining the Gates Foundation, Charlotte was a Vice-President at H.I.G. BioVentures focusing on investment opportunities in the life sciences, including therapeutics, diagnostics and medical devices at all stages of development. She was BOD observer at Cardeas Pharma and Alder Biopharmaceuticals. Charlotte started her career in early stage biotech investing at Accelerator Corporation, an investment vehicle focused on identifying, evaluating, financing and managing emerging therapeutic technologies. During her tenure, Charlotte was involved in the strategic development and management of five companies, including Oncofactor, Groove Biopharma, Acylin Therapeutics, Xori and Pharmselex. Charlotte currently serves as an observer on the board of directors of Synlogic, Sera Prognostics and Lodo Therapeutics.

Charlotte earned a B.S. in Microbiology from the University of Washington and a Ph.D. in Pharmacology and Cancer Biology from Duke University. She did her post-doctoral work in stemcells and regenerative medicine at the Institute for Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine at the University of Washington. Charlotte is a member of the Kauffman Society of Fellows (Class 14).
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About the Meet with... Series:

The purpose of the Meet with Series events sponsored by JLABS is to help start-up entrepreneurs, as well as the academic community, connect with potential partners, such as big pharma or other investment corporations, through one-on-one meetings. It is also a chance for the featured corporation to outline their specific business development goals and clarify what types of products or research they are interested in and how best to approach them to get the partnering process started. Past participants include the Wellcome Trust, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, MedImmune Ventures, Mercury Fund, DARPA's Biological Technologies Office, Correlation Ventures, Breakout Labs, New Enterprise Associates, Canaan Partners, Thomas McNerney & Partners, NCI, NCATS, NINDS, Allegory Venture Partners, Clarus Ventures, Johnson & Johnson Innovation, California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Astellas Venture Management, and OrbiMed.

PBSS Symposium, Monday, April 24, 2017

Topic: "Mechanistic Drug Metabolism for Drug Candidate Optimization – A Mini-symposium for Medicinal Chemists and DMPK Scientists"

Organizers: Cyrus Khojasteh and Donglu Zhang (Genentech)

Date and Time: April 24, 2017, 8:45-17:00

Location: Crowne Plaza, Foster City, CA

Registration fee (USD): Minisymposium fee: \$195;

Registration: <http://www.PBSS.org>

Registration deadline:4/20/2017 (it will close sooner if the seating cap is reached)

Topic Description

Drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics (DMPK) plays an integral role in drug discovery. At drug discovery stage, mechanistic drug metabolism studies contribute to generating drug candidates with optimal ADME properties and in some cases it allows for overcome potential drug development obstacles such as toxicity and DDI that are often encountered in drug discovery and development. In this one-day symposium, multiple examples will be presented to illustrate the utilities of mechanistic drug metabolism in moving discovery and development programs forward. Medicinal chemists and drug metabolism scientists should greatly be benefited from participating in this symposium.

Tentative topics and speakers:

Morning: 8:45-12:00

Overview on drug metabolism and its role in lead optimization - Cyrus Khojasteh, Genentech

Hepatocyte spheroid models and applications in drug metabolism - Jinping Gan, BMS
Sponsor presentation

Drug metabolism tools to assess bioactivation potential of drug candidates - minimizing metabolism-related DILI or genotoxicity - Zhoupeng Zhang, Merck

Prediction of circulating drug metabolites - Ming Hu, University of Houston

Afternoon: 1:15-5:00

Inhibition of endogenous metabolic pathways leading to toxicities - Donglu Zhang, Genentech

Sponsor presentation

Discovery of Bioavailable Pim Inhibitors by Mitigating Intestinal Metabolism – Gina Wang, Genentech

Metabolism-based structure-activity relationship analysis for identification of a PI3K inhibitor clinical candidate devoid off target hepatotoxicity - Raju Subramanian, Gilead

Minimizing reversible and time-dependent CYP inhibition of NAMPT (nicotinamide phosphoribosyltransferase) inhibitors - Mark Zak, Genentech

Carboxylic acid bioactivation via glucuronides/acyl CoA's and application in drug discovery – Mark Grillo, Amgen