

GSAS Harvard Biotechnology Club Stakes Out New Ground, Targets Entrepreneurs And Women In Biotechnology For Key Spring Events

Club announces its Spring, 2002 Events Calendar

BOSTON, March 27 /PRNewswire/ -- Building on a three year history of bringing the brightest stars of the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry to speak at Harvard Medical School, the GSAS Harvard Biotech Club has expanded its 2002 Events Calendar to address two highly strategic areas in the biotechnology market: scientific entrepreneurship and women in the industry.

The Club's mission is to fill a void at Harvard Medical School and present fellow students with career alternatives in biotechnology through its events and services. In addition to its regularly featured "Company Spotlights" with senior management of progressive, newsworthy companies and its annual Venture Capital Roundtable, the Harvard Biotechnology Spring 2002 Events Calendar will expand to offer two new events.

"Our mission is to 'bridge the gap' and foster interactions between industry and our student, post-doc, and faculty members at Harvard," said Arlo Miller, Managing Director of the GSAS Harvard Biotechnology Club. "Our ability to attract industry leaders gives our student community valuable event programs. So it's very exciting to extend our current event offerings that highlight CEOs and leaders from established companies and the VC community to now feature entrepreneur scientists and women at the top of the biotech field."

These events will complement and extend existing offerings that have already made the Club a central figure in the Boston biotechnology community. The first of these, the Entrepreneur Lecture Series focuses on helping aspiring biotechnology entrepreneurs better understand the issues related to starting a biotechnology company and providing necessary leadership in its early years. The intent of the lecture series is to profile individual CEOs and the issues they have faced in building a company-from scientific ideas to management to recruiting to marketing. This lecture series will feature four presentations from individuals who exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit driving much of biotechnology today.

The second new series begins April 30 with a panel event and will continue as a lecture series next Fall. The Women in Biotech Panel will showcase role models for women considering biotechnology careers and to foster discussion of issues faced by women in industry and business. Historically, Club events as well as other Boston area biotechnology events have been largely male. "Realizing that Harvard Medical and graduate schools have been 50% female for nearly 20 years, we believe that the Club is in one of the best possible positions to address this imbalance," said Miller. Event organizer Christy Jarrett added, "I think this is a great focus for the Club as these issues are not discussed or brought to attention anywhere else in the academic environment. No one

tells us how to balance our careers and have a family or deal with gender-related issues. This is a forum where these women role models can share their experiences and what they learned along their career paths and where attendees can share their concerns."

The Club's Spring 2002 Event Calendar is open to all registered members of the Harvard Biotechnology Club. Membership in the Club is free, as is attendance at all its events.

The schedule:

* March 28th: Company Spotlight: PerkinElmer Life Sciences, John J.

Engel, President, and Dr. Frank R. Witney, President of Drug Discovery

* April 9th: Entrepreneur Lecture Series: Alexis Borisy, A.M., CEO

CombinatoRx, Inc.

* April 16th: Entrepreneur Lecture Series: Robert J. Mulroy, A.M., CEO

Merrimack Pharmaceuticals

* April 30th: Women in Biotech with Vicki Sato, Ph.D., President Vertex

Pharmaceuticals; Katherine Call, Ph.D., Global Head, Genomics Technology

Transfer, Aventis Pharmaceuticals; Leslie M. Levine, V.M.D., Ph.D., J.D.

Senior Vice President, Intellectual Property, Boston Life Sciences;

Moderator: Monica Higgins, M.B.A., Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Harvard

Business School

* May 7th: Company Spotlight: John Holaday, Ph.D., CEO Entremed

* May 9th: Company Spotlight: Sequenom

* May 15th: VC Roundtable with Bryan Roberts, Ph.D., General Partner,

Venrock Associates; Michael Lytton, General Partner, Oxford Bioscience

Partners Noubar Afeyan, Ph.D., President and CEO of Flagship Ventures.

Moderator: Jack Gill, Ph.D., Founder and GP of Vanguard Ventures,

faculty Harvard Medical School

* May 23rd: Entrepreneur Lecture Series: Gary P. Magnant, M.S., CEO

ThermoCeramix (former CEO ActivBiotics)

About the GSAS Harvard Biotechnology Club:

In the three years since it was founded by three Harvard graduate students, the Club has grown to include members from around the world. It has become a central fixture in the Boston biotech community, constantly striving to bridge the gap between industry, academia, and the general public on matters relating to biotechnology and its applications. The Club's web- content and events cover the many facets of the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries for the 2700+ members of the Club- including students, faculty, industry professionals, journalists, and the general public. To learn more about the Biotech club's activities and become a member visit <http://www.TheBiotechClub.org> or contact Arlo Miller, Managing Director at 617-331-0883, arlo@thebiotechclub.org.

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