

Global BIO CEO to Keynote 2022 South Carolina Life Sciences Conference; 30+ Additional Speakers On Deck

Challenge Accepted Conference features over 140 organizations, hundreds of nation's life science leaders and brands Feb. 22-24 in Charleston, SC

CHARLESTON, SC, USA, January 25, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Global President & CEO of BIO, Dr. [Michelle McMurry-Heath](#), will be live in Charleston to keynote the opening day of [SCBIO](#) 2022, the Life Sciences Conference of South Carolina, conference organizers have announced.

Dr. McMurry-Heath will join more than 30 additional speakers as featured presenters at the largest life sciences conference in Palmetto State history as the event convenes both in-person and virtually February 22-24 at the Gaillard Center in the heart of Charleston, S.C.

Themed "Challenge Accepted," the 2-day [SCBIO 2022](#) event will feature national speaker sessions including Transformational Technologies, Next Generation Patient Care, Ensuring Opportunity for All, and Embracing Collaboration & Innovation – fundamental forces driving the state's fastest growing industry: life sciences.

Dr. McMurry-Heath assumed the leadership of BIO as just its third President and CEO in June, 2020. A medical doctor and molecular immunologist by training, she stewards the world's largest biotechnology advocacy group, representing 1,000 life sciences companies and organizations from 30 countries. The organization's mission is to support companies that discover and deploy scientific breakthroughs that improve human health, environmental stewardship, and sustainable agriculture.



Dr. Michelle McMurry-Heath, CEO of BIO, will keynote SCBIO 2022 Conference

She has championed a focus on broadening access to scientific progress so more patients from diverse backgrounds can benefit from cutting-edge innovation, clinical trials and healthcare funding, a topic she terms “the social justice issue of our age.” She joined BIO from Johnson & Johnson where she served as Global Head of Evidence Generation for Medical Device Companies and then Vice President of Global External Innovation and Global Leader for Regulatory Sciences. She was also instrumental in bringing J&J’s incubator, J Labs, to Washington, DC. She led a global team of 900 with responsibilities in 150 countries around the globe.

Presented by sponsoring organizations Nephron Pharmaceuticals, Vikor Scientific, Revaly (a Zverse Solution) and other top

organizations, the conference is expected to draw a sell-out attendance of 450 in person attendees and hundreds more virtually to Charleston. Attendees will be required to present proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test result within 72 hours of arrival before being admitted.

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SCBIO 2022 is arguably among the largest and finest life science conferences in the entire Southeast. If you play in this space, you should be here.”

James Chappell, CEO, SCBIO

Among other top speakers scheduled to appear include FDA Associate Director of the CDER Drug Shortage Staff Valerie Jensen MUSC Health CEO Dr. Pat Cawley, Velocity Clinical Research executive Steve Clemons, and USC Provost Dr. Stephen Cutler, Clemson University President James Clements, Commerce Secretary Harry Lightsey III, Nephron CEO Lou Kennedy, PhRMA Senior Policy Director Courtney Christian, Georgia Health Information Network

Director Dr. Denise Hines, State Epidemiologist Dr. Linda Bell and more than 20 others.

National economist Dr. Joseph Von Nessen of University of South Carolina’s Moore School of Business will report findings of a just-completed economic impact study of the state’s life sciences cluster, last analyzed in 2017, while SCBIO CEO James Chappell will present a State of the Industry presentation on the outlook for South Carolina’s \$12 billion – and fastest-growing – industry.



SCBIO 2022 Life Sciences Conference Runs Feb. 22-24 in Charleston, SC

The conference features an expanded – and nearly sold out -- exhibit hall showcasing scores of life sciences industry businesses, institutions of higher learning and essential support industry partners from across America. The conference also features presentation of the prestigious Pinnacle Awards by South Carolina Life Sciences to the outstanding 2021 Organization of the Year, Individual of the Year, and Rising Star under 40 years of age, as well as a new recipient into the SC Life Sciences Hall of Fame.

Hundreds of in-person and virtual attendees will take advantage of meetings and connection sessions through the conference's Partnering Portal as well as at two gala receptions planned for attendees.

Registration to attend SCBIO 2022 is now open at the 2022 Annual Conference section of www.scbio.org for interested companies, industry supporters, students interested in life sciences, faculty and teachers. Limited Exhibit space and sponsorships are still available by inquiring at info@scbio.org.

The 2-day conference draws attendees from across America for networking, innovation updates, opportunity discovery, partnership making and strategic discussion. Already committed attendees include officials across a broad spectrum of life sciences industries including medical devices, bio manufacturing, drug discovery, R&D, pharmaceuticals, diagnostics and testing, digital health and health IT, bio-ag and more.

SCBIO is South Carolina's investor-driven economic development organization exclusively focused on building, advancing, and growing the life sciences industry in the state. The industry has more than 700 firms directly involved and over 43,000 professionals employed directly or indirectly in the research, development and commercialization of innovative healthcare, medical device, industrial, environmental, and agricultural biotechnology products. In 2021, Governor Henry McMaster issued an Executive Order making it a state priority to continue to grow and expand the life sciences industry in the Palmetto State.

Among 140 leading biotech and med-tech industry brands participating in the conference are Nephron Pharmaceuticals, Vikor Scientific, Zverse, BIO, Johnson & Johnson, AVX, PhRMA, Medpoint, AdvaMed, Poly-Med, VWR, RhythmLink, SoftBox Systems, ZEUS, Patheon Thermo Fisher, Abbott, Alcamis and more. All of South Carolina's research universities – MUSC, Clemson and the University of South Carolina – are represented, as are major healthcare systems, and economic development entities including the South Carolina Department of Commerce, SCRA,



James Chappell, CEO of SCBIO

South Carolina Hospital Association and others.

For additional information on SCBIO or to register for SCBIO 2021, visit www.SCBIO.org.

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