AGENDA

SCHEDULE AS OF APRIL 16, 2024

MONDAY, MAY 20 • PRE-EVENT

2:00 PM – 8:00 PM
UCLA Campus
Ackerman Union Ballroom

Nuclease Final Pitch Showcase
8 PhD teams from area universities present their startups

TUESDAY, MAY 21 • PRE-EVENT

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM
Roundtrip Bus Tour from UCLA-Pasadena-UCLA
Sponsored by JLL
Pasadena Ecosystem Tour
Xencor Caltech based public biotech
Caltech Famous Higher Ed Campus - what “Big Bang Theory” TV show is loosely based on
Protomer Technologies A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Eli Lilly
101 South Marengo an example of re-purposed space for bioscience
HMBRI – Huntington Medical Research Institute – emerging leader in biotech and lifescience ecosystem
Doheny Eye Institute – Leader in Human Eyesight

1:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Skirball Cultural Center
First Look SoCal Innovation Showcase 2024
Alliance for SoCal Innovation
24 startup teams pitch

Keynote Address
Keith Stier, Vice President, Worldwide AI Initiatives, NVIDIA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 • VIP PRE-EVENT

8:00 AM – Noon
UCLA Campus

UCLA Lab Tours
TBA

The Lundquist Institute and Biolabs Tour
The Lundquist Institute has over more than 120 principal investigators and 400 researchers in total working on 600 research studies
Biolabs LA at The Lundquist Institute now houses 30 start-up bioscience companies
Bonus stop: Kings Hawaiian, a uniquely Aloha Experience by serving irresistible baked goods and Hawaiian foods.

Lunch on Your Own
UCLA Ackerman Student Union Eateries
Westwood Village Dining

1:30 PM
Gateway to Drug Development Collaboration
Panelists:
Mike Jung, Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, UCLA
Stuart Conway, Michael and Alice Jung Endowed Chair of Medicinal Chemistry and Drug Discovery, UCLA

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Wednesday, May 22 Continued

2:00 PM

“Exciting Progress & Innovative Advancements in Ophthalmology”
Panelists:
Dennis O. Clegg, Wilcox Family Chair in Biomedicine, Co-Director, Center for Stem Cell Biology and Engineering, Professor, Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, UCSB
Peter Francis, Chief Scientific & Chief Medical Officer, Ray Therapeutics
Kristin Macdonald, Retinitis Pigmentosa Patient Advocate
Aya Barzelay Wollman, Health Science Clinical Instructor Retina division, UCLA Stein Eye Institute

Moderated by Abla Creasey, Vice President of Therapeutics Development, CIRM

3:00 PM Networking Break

3:15 PM

New Payment Models for Ultra Rare Diseases
Panelists:
Paul Ayoub, CEO, Rarity PBC
Abla Creasey, Vice President, Therapeutics Development, California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)
Michael Meyers, Vice Chairman, Head of M&A and Strategic Advisory Services, H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC

3:45 PM

“Pushing the Envelope to Reverse Fibrosis with Novel Technologies”
Panelists:
Dino Di Carlo, Armond and Elena Hairapetian Chair in Engineering and Medicine, UCLA
Brigitte Gomperts, Associate Director of Translational Research, UCLA Broad Stem Cell Research Center
Thomas Rando, Director UCLA Broad Stem Cell Research Center
Matthew James Thomas, Head of Immunology & Respiratory Diseases Research, Boehringer Ingelheim

4:30 PM

Pearl Cohen Poster Award Announcement
Mark Cohen, Partner, Chair of the Life Sciences Practice Group, Pearl Cohen Zedek Latzer Baratz, LLP

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
LUSKIN Conference Center Centennial Terrace VIP Reception
THURSDAY, MAY 23 • LABEST 2024 MAIN EVENT

LUSKIN CONFERENCE CENTER

Open to all Registered Attendees

7:00 AM  Centennial Ballroom
Registration Check-In & Breakfast

UCLA Chancellor Gene Block

Robert Bradway CEO, Amgen

California Institute for Immunology and Immunotherapy at UCLA
Founders: Arie Belldegrun, Eric Esrailian, Gary Michelson with Owen Witte, UCLA Presidential Chair and Developmental Immunology

Christopher Viehbacher CEO, Biogen

Meet the Experts in Drug Development
Panelists:
James Bradner, Executive Vice President R&D and CSO, Amgen
Jane Grogan, Executive Vice President and Head of Research, Biogen
Priti Hegde, Senior Vice President and Global Head of Research, Kite, a Gilead Company
Zachary Roberts, Executive Vice President of R&D, Allogene

Moderated by Arie Belldegrun, CEO, Bellco Capital

1:30 PM  Centennial Ballroom AB
Made in LA: Case Studies in Bio Success
Hear why several startups call the “City of Angels” their home
Panelists:
Mark Alles, CEO, TORL BioTherapeutics
Sumant Ramachandra, CEO, ImmPACT Bio
James Robinson, CEO, AZ Biotherapeutics

Moderated by Amir Naiberg, AVC, CEO and President, UCLA Technology Development Group

2:30 PM  Centennial Ballroom CD
LABEST Research Pavilion  A MUST SEE!
An exciting new program that features over 30 Medical Departments exhibiting their latest developments.

Moderated by Josh Greene, Chairman Emeritus, National Venture Capital Association

3:00 PM  Centennial Ballroom AB
The Latest Trends in Venture Capital Investing
A stellar panel of VCs provide valuable insight
Panelists:
Mira Chaurushiya, Managing Director, Westlake Bio
Sahil Chopra, Principal, Vertex Ventures HC
Jakob Dupont, Executive Partner, Sofinnova Investment

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Thursday, May 23 Continued

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Showcase Rooms

Afternoon Showcase Highlights

Startup Ecosystem hosted by Larta Institute and The Lundquist Institute

Learning Lounge / 1st Floor Laureate Room hosted by King and Spalding

Biomanufacturing hosted by CIRM and NIIMBL Biomanufacturing Consortium

Hot Topic: Metabolism
• Orian Shirihai, Professor, Molecular and Medical Pharmacology, UCLA

Hot Topic: Basic Neuroscience with Clinical Translation Potential
• Rhonda Voskuhl, Professor, UCLA Dept. of Neurology; Director, UCLA Multiple Sclerosis Program; Faculty Neurologist, UCLA Comprehensive Menopause Care Program; Jack H. Skirball Chair
• Lindsay M. De Biase, Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology; David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
• Jason Hinman, Associate Professor & Vice Chair of Research, UCLA Department of Neurology; Stroke Program Director, WLA VA Medical Center

2nd Floor

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
3rd Floor Centennial Terrace

Pearl Cohen Poster Displays

LABEST 2024 Closing Reception

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