SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 3, 2024

MONDAY, MAY 20 • PRE-EVENT
2:00 PM – 8:00 PM
UCLA Campus
Ackerman Union Ballroom
Nucleate 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
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
HMRI – Huntington Medical Research Institute – emerging leader in biotech and lifescience ecosystem
Doheny Eye Institute – Leader in Human Eyesight
First Look SoCal Innovation Showcase 2024
Alliance for SoCal Innovation
24 startup teams pitch
Keynote Address
Keith Strier, 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 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

Schedule and Speakers subject to change.
Wednesday, May 22 Continued

1:30 PM  Gateway to Drug Development Collaboration
Luskin Conference Center
Legacy AB, 2nd Floor, South Wing

Panelists:
- Mike Jung, Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, UCLA
- Stuart Conway, Michael and Alice Jung Endowed Chair of Medicinal Chemistry and Drug Discovery, UCLA

Open to LABEST VIPs Only

2:00 PM  \“Exciting Progress & Innovative Advancements in Ophthalmology\”
Luskin Conference Center
Legacy AB, 2nd Floor, South Wing

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
- Douglas Tsao, Managing Director, H.C. Wainwright & Co LLC
- 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
Legacy AB, 2nd Floor, South Wing

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\”
Legacy AB, 2nd Floor, South Wing

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 – 6:30 PM  VIP Reception
Centennial Terrace, 3rd Floor

4:30 PM  Pearl Cohen Poster Award Announcement

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

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THURSDAY, MAY 23 • LABEST 2024 MAIN EVENT

LUSKIN CONFERENCE CENTER

Open to all Registered Attendees

7:30 AM  Main Entrance
Registration Check-In & Breakfast

8:20 AM  Centennial Ballroom
Emcee: Judy Fortin, Chief of Communications, UCLA Health and DGSOM
UCLA Chancellor Gene Block
Robert Bradway CEO, Amgen
California Institute for Immunology and Immunotherapy at UCLA Research Park
Founders: Arie Belldegrun, Eric Esrailian, Gary Michelson with Owen Witte, UCLA Presidential Chair and Developmental Immunology
Christopher Viehbacher CEO, Biogen

Welcome from our Innovator Sponsors
Ray Deshaies, Senior Vice President Global Research, AMGEN
Michele LeSueuer, Vice President of Global Portfolio and Program Strategy, Kite, a Gilead Company
Jonathan Thomas, Interim President & CEO, CIRM

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
Kanti Thirumoorthy, CTO (T-cell Therapy), AstraZeneca
Moderated by Arie Belldegrun, CEO, Belco Capital

11:30 AM  Centennial Terrace, 3rd Floor
Lunch on the Terrace
3 lunch seatings, each lasting no more than 40 minutes
• Ushers will scan your badge to ensure that you attend the Lunch you signed up for at registration
• When the chimes ring, your lunch has ended
• Please be courteous to your fellow hungry attendees

12:10 PM  Centennial Terrace, 3rd Floor
12:50 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
Martha Lawrence, Co-Founder, AccendoWave
Sumant Ramachandra, CEO, ImmPACT Bio
James Robinson, CEO, A2 Biotherapeutics
Moderated by Amir Naiberg, AVC, CEO and President, UCLA Technology Development Group

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Thursday, May 23 Continued

2:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
Centennial Ballroom CD  
LABEST Research Pavilion  
A MUST SEE!  
Featuring therapeutic and diagnostic innovations from over 35 presenters across the Los Angeles academic landscape.

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  
Stacey Feld, Regional Head, West North America, J&J Innovation

4:15 PM  
Centennial Ballroom AB  
= Women’s Health: Innovative Research Models in Science and Medicine  
Speakers TBA

12:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
LABEST Showcases

12:20 PM - 1:30 PM  
Illumination, 2nd Floor, South Wing  
= The State of the Region: Biosciences in LA  
Lessons and observations from LABEST 23 and moving forward through 2024 and beyond  
Hosted by Larta Institute and The Lundquist Institute  
Panelists:  
Lindsay Bourgeois, Director of Business Operations & Strategy  
Stephen Cheung, CEO, LAEDC  
Fran Fulton, Economic Development Manager, City of Torrance  
Teresa Garcia, Senior Project Manager, City of Pasadena  
Howard Xu, Director, Incubator Development and Planning, Professor of Microbiology, LABiospace, California State University, Los Angeles

1:30 PM - 2:40 PM  
Legacy AB, 2nd Floor, South Wing  
Biomanufacturing  
Welcome:  
Shyam Patel, Senior Director of Business Development and Alliance Management, CIRM  
SHOWCASE KEYNOTE  
Louis van de Wiel, Vice President, Head of Global Supply Chain, Kite, a Gilead Company  
UCLA Good Manufacturing Practices - Past and Future  
Sujna Ravel-Fernandes, Director, Human Gene and Cell Therapy, UCLA GMP Facility

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Bridging Innovation: Constructing the Future of Bioscience Manufacturing

Macella Ayella, National Director of Life Sciences, Swinerton

Academic-Industry Collaborations that Advance Manufacturing Workforce Training and Technology Development

Hosted by CIRM and NiIMBL Biomanufacturing Consortium

Moderated by Shyam Patel, Senior Director of Business Development and Alliance Management, CIRM

Artistry Room, 2nd Floor, South Wing

Hot Topic: Metabolism

Weight loss treatments and their complications: Current gaps in knowledge and technology, and emerging solutions.

Immunometabolism as a drug target: Current gaps in knowledge and technology, and emerging solutions.

Healthy aging and neurodegenerative diseases: Current gaps in knowledge and technology, and emerging solutions.

- Orian Shirihai, Professor, Molecular and Medical Pharmacology, UCLA

Hot Topic: Neuroscience

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

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Thursday, May 23 Continued

**Laureate Room, 1st Floor, South**

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
**Learning Lounge hosted by King and Spalding**  
Speakers TBA  
*Applying for Government Incentives and Grants for Startups*

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM  
*How to Connect with Venture Capital and Family Offices*

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM  
*What Every Start-Up Needs to Know about Patent Protection and FDA Approval*

**Exploration and Corridor, 2nd Floor, North Wing**

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
**PEARL COHEN Poster Displays**  
Over 60 Scientific Posters on display from the best and the brightest

**Centennial Terrace, 3rd Floor**

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
**LABEST 2024 Closing Reception**  
Celebrate LABEST 2024 with complimentary appetizers and drinks. Enjoy the UCLA Jazz Band!

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