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PLENARY SESSION: BALLROOM

AWARDS
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7:30 AM	Buffet Breakfast	
8:00 AM	Welcome Remarks	Kelvyn Cullimore, President & CEO, BioUtah
8:10 AM	Chairman's Report	Mark Paul, Executive Director, University of Utah Center for Medical Innovation
8:20 AM	Life Sciences: A Targeted Industry	Jefferson Moss, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity
8:30 AM	AI Impacts in Healthcare	Carter Dredge, Fellow, Cambridge University / Executive Director, Intermountain Health Institute
9:00 AM	Friend of Industry Award	TBA
9:05 AM	FDA Town Hall	Michelle Tarver, MD, PhD, Director, Center for Devices & Radiological Health, FDA
9:50 AM	Executive of the Year Award	TBA
9:55 AM	Fireside Chat: Trade Regulations Affecting Life Sciences	Melissa Holyoak, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission Jacey Skinner, Of Counsel, Ballard Spahr
10:30 AM	Entrepreneur of the Year Award	TBA
10:35 AM	The Future of Healthcare in Utah: Navigating Costs, Care and the Coming Silver Tsunami	David Bearss, PhD, CEO, Halia Therapeutics [Moderator] Bob Carter, MD, PhD CEO, University of Utah Health Mark Ott, MD, Dean, BYU School of Medicine
11:10 AM	Innovation Impact Award	TBA
11:15 AM	The Miracle of Modern Medicine	Peter Marks, MD, PhD, Sr. VP of Molecule Discovery & Head of Infectious Disease, Eli Lilly
11:50 AM	Lifetime Achievement Award	TBA
11:55 AM	Panel Presentation: National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology	Alexander Titus, Commissioner, National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology NSCEB Commissioners
12:30 PM	Networking Lunch	

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REGULATORY & QUALITY TRACK

LOCATION: TBA

HOST: CHRIS PHILLIPS

1:30 PM

Early Experience with an Evolving FDA & HHS

Seth Olson, Kirton & McConkie, Moderator
Chris Rogers, VP, Regulatory Affairs VAD, BD

2:10 PM

How AI is Driving Trends in Life Sciences

Ryan Hogan, CEO, Pace Johnson Law [Moderator]
Kelli Oborn, Sr. Technical Specialist & Scheme Manager - Vascular Devices, BSI Group
Heather Murphy, Sr. Clinical Evaluation Specialist - Vascular Access Devices, BSI Group
Brynn Stanley, Associate Attorney, Gardner Law

2:50 PM

Break

3:00 PM

Avenues to Early and Better Regulatory Access

Kai Kadoich, TAP Advisor, FDA

3:35 PM

Clinical Trials Evolving Landscape
—A CRO Perspective

Dave Hanaman, CEO, Curavit [Moderator]
Amy Goodman, Director, Research & Science, Data Coordinating Center, University of Utah
Chuck Bucklar, Chief Business Officer, Uncommon Cures
Cameron Mealey, Avance Clinicals

4:15 PM

Hurry Up! FDA's Quality System Harmonization
with ISO 13485

Markus Gee, Director, Life Sciences Division, Axelon

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1:30 PM	AI in the Life Sciences	David Bearss, PhD, CEO, Halia Therapeutics [Moderator] Hariprasad Vankalapati, PhD, CSO and Co-Founder, Biolexis Therapeutics Ian Quigley, PhD - Co-Founder and CEO, Leash Bio David Hallett, PhD, Recursion Pharmaceuticals Alison O'Mahoney, PhD, VP of Pharmaceutical Research, Seek Labs
2:10 PM	Understanding GPOs: Are They Right for Your Organization?	Todd Ebert, Retired President & CEO, Healthcare Supply Chain Association
2:40 PM	The Fundamentals of Reimbursement in U.S. Healthcare	Amanda Morrisson, Senior Manager Reimbursement & Market Access, Stryker
3:10 PM	Break	
3:20 PM	Social Media Presentation	Nathan Gwilliam, Founder & CEO, PodUp
4:00 PM	Mapping Utah's Life Sciences Developments	Chris Kirk, Colliers International [Moderator]
4:40 PM	Building Global Healthcare Partnerships: Strategies for Patient Retention through Anti-Aging, Precision Medicine, and Telemedicine	Chulsoo Cho, Deputy Director, Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare
4:50 PM	Korea's Digital Health Innovation: Smart Hospitals, Medical AI Solutions, and Global Collaboration Pathways	Yeong Yi Lim, Director, Korea Health Industry Development Institute

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WORKFORCE TRACK

LOCATION: TBA

HOST: TBA

1:30 PM

Utah's Talent Advantage: Up-Skilling & Elevating the Leaders of Tomorrow

Brooke Clark, Principal, Upward Growth Partners [Moderator]
Rachel Jones, Chief Commercial Officer, VedaBio
Lacey Marakis, Senior Talent Acquisition Consultant, Former Lead Recruiter, Recursion Pharmaceuticals
Charitha Tillekeratne, CTO of Surgical Innovations, GE Healthcare

2:15 PM

The Utah Talent Hub: A New Tool for Recruiting Interns

Bryce Nelson, Cooperative Education Program Manager, Talent Ready Utah
Jimmy McDonough, Asst. Commissioner, Higher Education Workforce Programs, Utah System of Higher Education— Talent Ready Utah

3:00 PM

Break

3:15 PM

National and Local Workforce Perspectives: The 2025 TEconomy Report

Ryan Helwig, Principal & Senior Director, TEconomy Partners, LLC

4:00 PM

Immigration Challenges & Impacts on the Life Sciences Workforce

Kathleen Weron, Partner, Ogletree Deakins

* Tentative Agenda

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LEGAL TRACK

LOCATION: TBA

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1:30 PM

Building a Life Sciences Company in Utah: Tips from the Trenches

Scott Young, Partner Mayer Brown
Dr. Rachel Garlick, Founder and CSO, Eris Biotech
Greg Larson, President, Ortho Development
Jake Fackrell, Founder and COO, Savvos Health
Curtis Anderson, Founder and CEO, Nursa

2:15 PM

Molecule to Market: The Process of Taking an Idea from the Operating Room to the Board Room

Neela Pack, Associate, Mayer Brown
Jeffrey H. Lawson, M.D., Ph.D., Surgeon, Scientist, Innovator

3:00 PM

Break

3:15 PM

Natural and Artificial Innovation: Evolving IP Issues in the Life Sciences

Spencer Glende, Partner, Mayer Brown
Mat Gordon, Vice President – Corporate Legal Affairs, Myriad Genetics

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Financing Best Practices from Seed Round to IPO

Sam Gardiner, Partner, Mayer Brown
Liz Walsh, Counsel, Mayer Brown

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