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PLENARY SESSION: BALLROOM

AWARDS
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7:15 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 and Structural Impacts in Healthcare	Carter Dredge, BusD, Fellow, Cambridge University / Executive Director, Intermountain Health Institute
9:00 AM	Friend of Industry Award	Taylor Randall, PhD, President, University of Utah
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	Fred Lampropoulos, Executive Chairman, Merit Medical
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	Shawn Fojtik, CEO, Distal Access
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	Nusano
11:15 AM	The Miracle of Modern Medicine	Peter Marks, MD, PhD, Sr. VP of Molecule Discovery & Head of Infectious Disease, Eli Lilly; Former Director, Center for Biological Evaluation and Research, FDA
11:50 AM	Lifetime Achievement Award	Wes Sundquist, PhD, Professor and Chair of Biochemistry, University of Utah
11:55 AM	Fireside Chat: National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology	Mayealie Adams, VP of Government Affairs, Danaher Michelle Roza, Vice Chair, National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology
12:30 PM	Networking Lunch	

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REGULATORY & QUALITY TRACK

LOCATION: ALPINE EAST

HOST: CHRIS PHILLIPS

1:30 PM

Early Experience with an Evolving FDA & HHS

Seth Olson, Kirtan & McConkie [**Moderator**]
Peter Marks, MD, PhD, Sr. VP of Molecule Discovery & Head of Infectious Disease, Eli Lilly
Chris Rogers, VP, Regulatory Affairs VAD, BD
Dana Andersen, PhD, Chief Technical & Manufacturing Officer, Denali Therapeutics

2:10 PM

How AI is Driving Trends in Life Sciences

Ryan Hogan, CEO, Pressure Medical [**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
Josh Gangemi, Manufacturing Engineer, Blackrock Neurotech

2:50 PM

Break

3:00 PM

Avenues to Early and Better Regulatory Access

Chris Phillips, VP of Regulatory Affairs and Quality, Epitel [**Moderator**]
Kai Kadoich, TAP Advisor, CDRH, FDA
Kelli Oborn, Sr. Technical Specialist & Scheme Manager - Vascular Devices, BSI Group
Heather Murphy, Sr. Clinical Evaluation Specialist - Vascular Access Devices, BSI Group

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, Director of Business Development, Avance Clinical

4:15 PM

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

Markus Gee, Director, Life Sciences Division, Axelon

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LOCATION: BALLROOM		HOST: KELVYN CULLIMORE
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 Alison O'Mahony, PhD, SVP 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 Morrison, Senior Manager Reimbursement & Market Access, Stryker
3:10 PM	Break	
3:20 PM	Making Social Media Work for Your Company	Nathan Gwilliam, Founder & CEO, PodUp
4:00 PM	Mapping Utah's Life Sciences Developments	Chris Kirk, Managing Director, Colliers International [Moderator] Mike Ambre, Executive Director, Point of the Mountain State Land Authority John Dahlstrom, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, Wasatch Group Benjamin Hart, Executive Director, Utah Inland Port Authority J. Steven Price, President & Founder, Price Real Estate
4:40 PM	Korea's Digital Health Innovation: Smart Hospitals, Medical AI Solutions, and Global Collaboration Pathways	Yeong Yi Yim, Director, Korea Health Industry Development Institute
4:50 PM	Presentations by Visiting Korean Companies	Jin Kim, CMO, Healcerion Rebekah Walker, Manager, iMediSync Oknam Park, CEO, MediHelpline Geeyoon Kang, CEO, Petraintelligence

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WORKFORCE TRACK

LOCATION: ALPINE WEST

HOST: ANDY ROBERTSON

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, Fractional Talent Acquisition Leader, Aptarro
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
Amanda Mullane, Shareholder, Ogletree Deakins

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LOCATION: WASATCH ROOM

HOST: SCOTT YOUNG

1:30 PM

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

Scott Young, Partner, Mayer Brown
Rachel Garlick, Ph.D., Founder and CSO, Eris Biotech
Greg Larson, President, Ortho Development
Jake Fackrell, Founder and COO of Savvos Health
Curtis Anderson, Founder and CEO of 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, MD, PhD, 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
Matthew 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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LOCATION: EXHIBIT HALL

HOST: KELVYN CULLIMORE

5:00 PM

Reception Opens

5:15 PM

**Signing of Memorandum of
Understanding**

Korea Health Industry Development Institute
BioUtah

M.O.U. SIGNING: KHIDI-BIOUTAH

BioUtah and the Korea Health Industry Development Institute (KHIDI) are entering into a Memorandum of Understanding to expand collaboration between Utah's and Korea's life sciences industries. The partnership will foster cooperation in areas such as international market access, regulatory and reimbursement guidance, business networking, and innovation exchange. Through joint seminars, B2B meetings, and shared insights on global healthcare trends, the two organizations aim to strengthen ties and create new opportunities for companies, researchers, and investors in both regions.

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