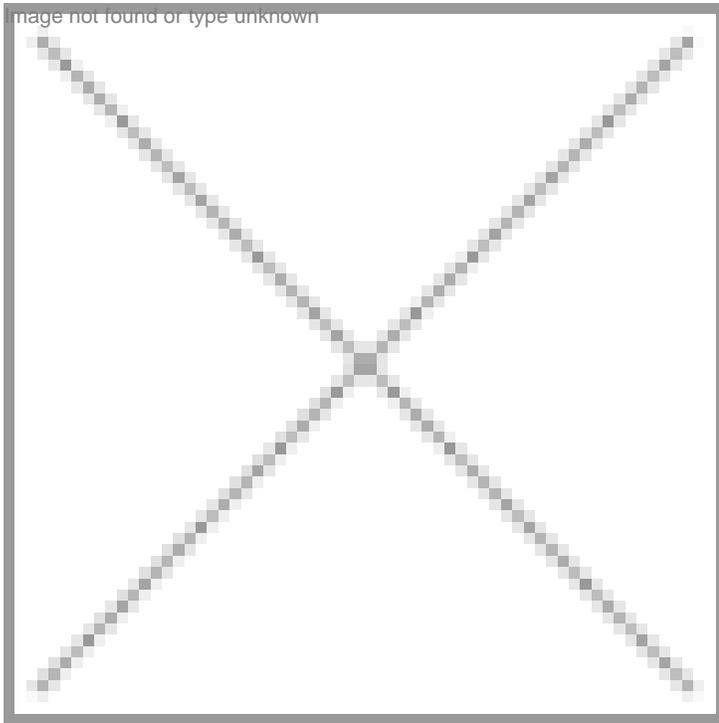


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The three-day Bangalore Bio 2008 event successfully concluded on April 26, 2008. It saw the participation of over 85 international and national speakers, over 700 delegates from the industry, R&D, policy makers and academia, and 150 leading global and Indian exhibitors. This was the eighth edition of Bangalore Bio 2008 and the event attracted the largest gathering of international biotech fraternity. There were more than 100 delegates from 14 countries like the US, Australia, France, UK, Germany, Italy, Holland, Japan, and Malaysia participating in this event. Merck & Co. Inc, one of the world's biggest biopharma companies, was the global partner.

Victoria State, Australia was the country partner with 16 companies and delegation of 40 professionals. They had conducted over 100 B2B meetings with the Indian companies during the three days. They also had a meeting with the Department of IT&BT, Government of Karnataka.

France participated as the international partner with 15 companies from health sciences and biotech sector and delegation of 45 biotech experts. The French companies had over 150 B2B meetings with the Indian companies.

In tune with the core theme of global partnering, the international conference featured four successful case studies of cross border partnering with Indian enterprises addressed by Advinus, Nicholas Piramal, Connexios Life Sciences, Rheoscience

and Avesthagen.

Highlights of the event

- Nobel Laureate Prof. Sidney Altman delivered the inaugural keynote address at the Bangalore Bio 2008 and called for investing more on basic research.
- Over 35 papers were presented by young scientists and innovators in the poster session.
- Bangalore Bio 2008 facilitated over 500 one-to-one business meetings for potential collaborations, partnerships and alliances.
- Many young researchers and scientists from leading Indian and international research laboratories like CSIR, ICAR, DAE, DBT, and DST participated in Bangalore Bio 2008.
- Department of Biotechnology shared its vision and plans for setting up the National Biotech Regulatory Authority.
- CSIR director general, Dr Samir Brahmachari, in his vision talk, impressed the gathering by sharing the success story of the country's largest gene decoding study.
- Novozymes, Syngene, Serum Institute and Rasi Seeds bagged the first BIO Excellence Awards at the Bangalore Bio 2008.

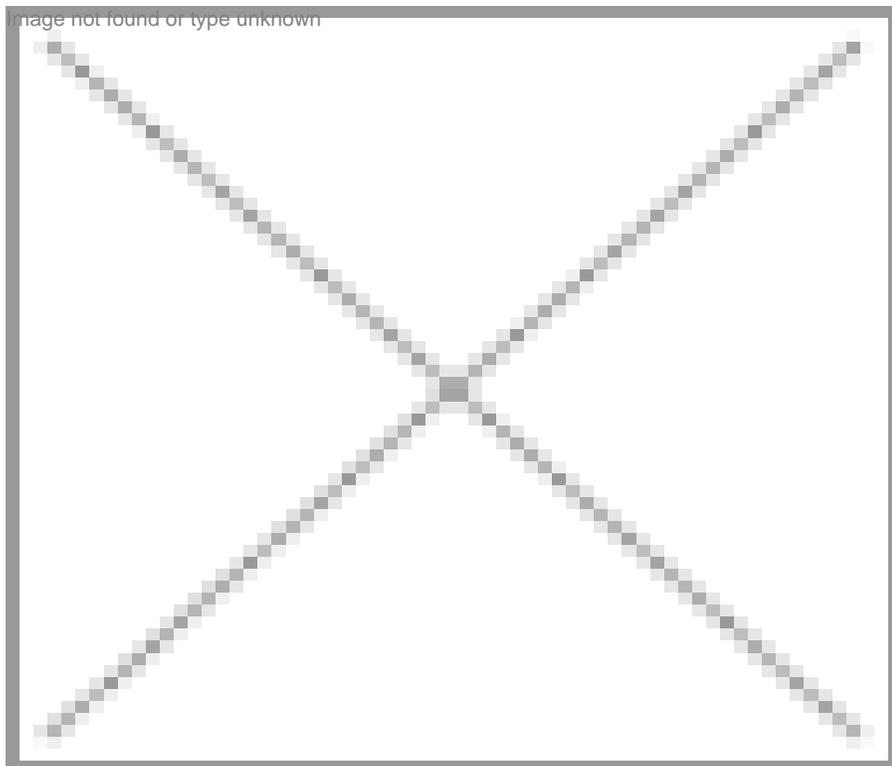


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