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BIB 2014: Carnival for the Biotech sector

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The Bangalore India Bio (BIB) 2014, one of the most awaited annual event of the Indian bioscience industry with the core theme, "Biotech for a Better Tomorrow", will be held on February 10-12, 2014, at The Lalit Ashok, Bangalore.

The Bangalore India Bio conference will see participation of over 110 speakers from more than 20 countries bringing together global leaders, scientific minds, policy makers, regulators and investors to exchange ideas and findings in the Biotech sector. "It connects the vibrant industry across the section," informed Mr BM Vijay Shankar, MD, KBITS, Karnataka.

Nobel Laureate Sir John Bertrand Gurdon will deliver a distinguished lecture at India's biggest biotech show. Also, 2013's World Food Prize Laureate Em. Prof Marc Van Montagu, founder and chairman, Institute for Plant Biotechnology Out- reach (IPBO), Belgium, will address the gathering.

The focus areas in the conference are the international conference that will offer a platform for discussion and deliberation on key issues. It will also have a round table session on the harmonization of the global regulatory framework which will be organized with international regulators from Taiwan, Korea, Singapore, Japan and Hong Kong.

While these were the main high- lights of the event, there are many other sessions that will focus on themes like What's next for stem cells and regenerative medicine; bio- medical devices and digital health fueling a revolution in healthcare; biosimilars- attaining global standards; new and innovative models for drug discovery & development through partnerships; India, a destination of choice for clinical trials; how do we gain lost ground, Pharmacogenomics, biomedical informatics and personalized medicine and half day module on agri biotech and secondary agriculture: needs of the nation.

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Bangalore India Bio is an annual event organized by the Department of IT, BT and S&T, Government of Karnataka, under the guidance of Vision Group on Biotechnology, an apex advisory body comprising of members from government, public and private sectors including industry and academia. The event is managed by MM Activ Sci-Tech Communications, the publisher of BioSpectrum.

The detailed three day event will not only have multi-track conferences, an international trade show, biopartnering, but also special pro- grams like the CEO conclave, student activities and an opportunity for the industry to showcase new initiatives. The congregation of top biotech industry leaders, high-ranking policymakers from state and central governments, representatives of International trade commissions, research heads from private and public research organizations and academia makes it a very unique forum.