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**BIO Announces Dates for 2013 BIO Convention in China**

*Third Annual Conference to be Held November 11-13, 2013 in Beijing, China*

Washington, D.C. (April 22, 2013) – The Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) and the China Center for Pharmaceutical International Exchange (CCPIE) today announced that the 2013 BIO Convention inChina will be held November 11-13 at the China National Convention Center (CNCC) in Beijing, China. Leaders from the global biopharma industry will gather at this exclusive forum to develop strategic collaborations, establish distribution networks, find service providers and create cross-border alliances with companies from the U.S., Europe and Asia.

“China has set the stage for strong growth of biotech within its borders and made growing the biotech industry one of its top national priorities. The BIO Convention in China promotes partnering and deal making discussions that will open up opportunities for companies to expand throughout Asia," said Alan Eisenberg, Executive Vice President of Emerging Companies and Business Development.

Now in its third year, the BIO Convention in China attracts more than 1,000 executives from 400 companies representing over 36 countries who will engage business development, networking and deal making opportunities. The conference will include plenary sessions, workshops and business roundtables, company presentations, exhibitions, and business development meetings using BIO One-on-One PartneringTM, an interactive environment to intelligently search, contact and schedule private meetings with potential partners and investors.

“CCPIE is proud to be part of such a prestigious collaboration during a time when biotech innovation in China is prime for advancement,” said Zhao Yajun, Director-General of CCPIE. “The BIO Convention in China is a must attend partnering event for those seeking in and out-licensing opportunities with multinational corporations.”

BIO brings to China more than 15 years of experience in organizing international conferences for the biotech industry, including the BIO International Convention – the global event for biotechnology – being held April 22-25 in Chicago, Illinois.

**About BIO**BIO represents more than 1,100 biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centers and related organizations across the United States and in more than 30 other nations. BIO members are involved in the research and development of innovative healthcare, agricultural, industrial and environmental biotechnology products. BIO also produces the BIO International Convention, the world’s largest gathering of the biotechnology industry, along with industry-leading investor and partnering meetings held around the world. BIO produces [BIOtechNOW](http://www.biotech-now.org/), an online portal and monthly newsletter chronicling “innovations transforming our world.” [Subscribe to BIOtechNOW](http://www.biotech-now.org/subscribe).

**Upcoming BIO Events**

[BIO International Convention](http://convention.bio.org/)

April 22 – 25, 2013

Chicago, IL

[World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology](http://www.bio.org/events/conferences/world-congress)

June 16-19, 2013

Montreal, Canada

[BIO IPCC Conference](http://www.bio.org/events/conferences/ip-counsels-committee-conference-overview)

November 6-8, 2013

Washington, DC

[Pacific Rim Summit on Industrial Biotechnology & Bioenergy](http://www.bio.org/events/conferences/where-east-meets-west-pacific-rim-summit-industrial-biotechnology-and-bioenergy)

December 8-11, 2013

San Diego, CA

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