

Planning underway for 2017 BIO International Convention

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The Center for Innovation at CHLA has begun planning for the 2017 BIO International Convention in San Diego next June. The BIO Exhibition is the world's largest biotechnology gathering, allowing participants to reach high-level executives and influential decision makers who attend BIO to discover new players in the industry, form partnerships and evaluate emerging technologies.

During the past four years, CHLA has partnered with Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital to jointly host receptions that bring together stakeholders from leading pharmaceutical and biotech companies, research institutions and patient advocates to establish and expand meaningful collaborations around advancing life-saving solutions that address significant challenges facing pediatric healthcare. The group's networking event in San Francisco this past June — "Propel Pediatrics Partnering Reception" — enabled the expansion of meaningful collaborations around advancing life-saving solutions that address significant challenges facing pediatric healthcare. The event was sponsored by several companies, most notably Shire, Ultragenyx and CerRx (CHLA's first spin-off company).

Blaine McKee, Head of Transactions and interim Head of Corporate Development at Shire, kicked off the event with a welcome speech which emphasized the importance of collaboration between industry and academia, and how our children's hospital's world renowned researchers and clinicians are positioned to advance the field of medicine.

Participation in the 2017 BIO Convention will build on the success of previous years' networking. Faculty/ research faculty are encouraged to bring their ideas to the Center for Innovation to foster development of new technologies that address the unmet needs in pediatric medicine.

View the [2016 Propel Pediatrics Partnering Reception](#) video.