



TESTIMONIALS

PACIFIC RIM FORUM SCIENCE BASED INNOVATION, LIFE SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 TO FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2002 BEIJING, PR CHINA

"Congratulations on an excellent event. It was truly regional in scope – so many of the region's key players in the same room. I and some key Scandinavian colleagues will look forward with anticipation to your next event in Shanghai in May 2003."

Kari Paukkeri, Chief Executive Officer, Jurilab Limited, Finland

"Your team is truly professional at focusing information in a useful way. I especially enjoyed the "Ten to Watch" group of young companies. The database you began with the questionnaire along technology lines was a masterstroke. A scientific conference with a business perspective has been missing in Asia, although several groups have attempted it. Congratulations on succeeding."

Most 'regional' conferences concentrate on the host country. This one was regional with speakers and delegates from Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, India, Taiwan, Russia and the USA, as well as China. You also managed to attract an amazing number of high level government officials, entrepreneurs, heads of institutes and foundations, university decision makers and researchers and corporate, venture and private investors. You created an atmosphere in which people spoke openly and frankly – no small accomplishment in the PRC and among factions that often compete with each other. For Asia's top business, government and science leaders to mix so freely creates an atmosphere that engenders new business opportunities on a significant scale. Many delegates seem to have left with new deals or alliances in progress.

Every member of your team was careful to ascertain that I met as many of the speakers and participants pertinent to my business as possible. That personal touch and knowledge of your participants and their businesses is worth more than all the speakers ever assembled to make a conference successful for the participants."

Dr Elizabeth Green Sah, Managing Director, Primasia Bio-Ventures Limited / Biotech East, Taiwan

"My attendance at the Pacific Rim Forum's Inaugural Asian Science-Based Innovation, Life Sciences & Technology Summit in Beijing provided a true highlight in my year. The Conference provided a great cross-over of the region's business and science leaders, VC's and influential government people."

Dr Nan Wu, Associate, Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich LLP, San Francisco, USA

"My attendance at the Pacific Rim Forum's Inaugural Asian Science-Based Innovation, Life Sciences & Technology Summit in Beijing was a tremendously valuable event for an emerging company in the life sciences to participate in. Having the people and companies who matter in the Asia/Pacific region in science and technology ventures all in the same room at the same time offered us a networking opportunity that cannot be found elsewhere. Great insights into the "states of the nations" in Asian technology and science commercialization. The focused, invitation-only participation made the conference an efficient means to meet the real players in the region."

Dr Christopher Savoie, Chairman & CEO, Gene Networks Inc, Japan

"I have rarely been at an event where the standard of presentation was so consistently high and where the organizational arrangements were so smooth. Congratulations and thanks to you and your colleagues."

Francis Gurry, Assistant Director General & Legal Counsel, World Intellectual Property Organization, Switzerland

"Congratulations – a great inauguration to what will certainly be another key regional event. As ever, speakers, topics and process – crystallized flawlessly. Certainly, I am now considerably enriched as a result. Let me also congratulate you on the quality of the background reading material provided."

Alexander Gosling, Director, Invetech Pty Ltd, Australia

"My attendance at the Pacific Rim Forum's Asia Science Innovation Summit was a rewarding experience. As a healthcare consultant focusing on global aspects of the industry, I found the conference was insightful in outlining the key issues and challenges within the Asia region. Having a broad representation of knowledgeable people from the region gave invaluable insight to the discussions, especially in overviewing the government, science and funding aspects impacting the region presently and in the future. The detailed focus on China, its present conditions and focus going forward in biotechnology provided a sound knowledge base for potential companies and investors interested in this evolving market. The "Who's Who" of speakers, relevant panel discussions on issues and assimilation of the presentations into a "convergent" technology focus was unsurpassed in the industry today for such conferences. I plan to use the information and contacts made at the conference to guide our partnerships consulting focus in the region over the next year. Overall, a well organized, insightful conference focused on current issues/topics that will influence both business and financial actions in the region by all in attendance. I look forward to the continuation of the progress on the key issues at the next Summit in 2003 in Shanghai."

W. Barry McDonald, Executive Director, The Sage Group, USA

"The Pacific Rim Science Innovation Summit was a once in a lifetime experience. Your commitment to the transformation of an industry like the Life Sciences and to act as facilitator for its overlapping interests and important technologies is both bold and commendable. The opportunity to meet the top Government leaders and Life Science industry leaders of China at the time in which China is opening up to the west was truly unique and the speakers, especially from China provided a rare insight as to where the industry is going in China. With San Francisco as one of the Centers of the Life Science world and it's strategic location, the opportunity to build relationships with the key players in the region will allow for building a bridge between the Pacific Rim for many years to come. We will look back and see where we came from in the next few years and raise a toast in your honor. Congratulations on a job very well done and thank you for having me be part of this. I can hardly wait until the next Summit in Shanghai."

L. Leyland Whitney, Principal, Whitney Cressman International, San Francisco, USA

"The Inaugural Pacific Rim Asia Science Innovation Summit was an unequivocal success. The organizers assembled a superb group of internationally recognized speakers from the fields of drug discovery, bioinformatics, genomics, proteomics, high finance and business development. The result was a stimulating series of talks that shed light on current and future trends in the life sciences. The meeting also succeeded in highlighting the extraordinary amount of biotech talent that exists in countries like Japan, Korea, Singapore, Australia and China, bringing together people that can nurture these rich resources to their fullest potential. This meeting is destined to go from strength to strength."

Dr Kevin Davies, Editor-in-Chief, Bio-IT World Inc, USA

"Congratulations on the way in which you managed the event in Beijing. It had a very good balance of content and has really helped us assess opportunities in the Pacific Rim."

Stephen Hall, Head of Corporate Services, Genesis Research & Development Corporation Limited, New Zealand

"My participation in the Pacific Rim Forum's Inaugural Asia Science-Based Innovation, Life Sciences and Technology Summit in Beijing proved to be a valuable experience. The Summit attracted high caliber speakers from all over the world, and provided an excellent platform for highly stimulating discussion. It was truly regional in scope, with key scientific, business and government participants from almost all major Pacific Rim markets. As a venture capitalist, I liked the opportunities to learn about and to interact with emerging startups in life science industries in the region, especially those young companies based here in China which represent an investment space with great potential. I now look forward with anticipation to the next event in Shanghai in May 2003."

Fan Zhang, Senior Vice President & Co-Head, Asia Pacific Operations, Draper Fisher Jurvetson ePlanet Ventures, PR China

"My attendance at Pacific Rim Forum's Inaugural Asia Science-Based Innovation, Life Sciences and Technology Summit in Beijing provided me with a true highlight. In the presence of so many heavy-weight speakers, I was honoured to be part of the group. The quality of the speakers and the content of their speeches were able to cover a wide range of topics. The quality of the participants was excellent. The overall format of the event was managed very professionally. Everyone taking care of the logistics were friendly and helpful. Arrangements for lunch and dinner for the many guests were exceptionally well done. I definitely look forward to your next event in Shanghai in May 2003."

Lo Yuk Lam, President, Perkin Elmer Life Sciences, & President of the Hong Kong Biotechnology Association, Hong Kong

"Following the Pacific Rim Forum's Inaugural Asia Science-Based Innovation, Life Sciences and Technology Summit in Beijing, I think you should now be saying:

1. You are the only place in Asia where serious science meets serious business
2. You also covered the key issues of the necessary government role(s), legal and commercialization issues
3. Your job is to find the hottest trends in science and business, to help us all be more competitive
4. You are a place for conversation – not a trade show for selling things
5. Deals got done during this conversation
6. People don't just turn up – they are invited
7. Your audience are scientists who have a breakthrough to commercialize, business people scouting for opportunities and VC's who want to help us all join hands (and make money)
8. Your job is to help the participants shape the agenda, with unique audience participation to decide where things are headed
9. Your sponsors are industry leaders and they have exclusive rights
10. Ten Asian Companies to Watch – your role is to systematically stay abreast of the trends

Hope this helps with your future thinking."

Michael Yates, Immediate Past Company Group Chairman, Johnson & Johnson Asia Pacific, United Kingdom

"It was a great pleasure for me to attend the Science Innovation Summit in Beijing. I found the Summit very informative and am glad that I met many people whom I would like to keep in touch with. I would like to thank you and your colleagues for inviting me to the event."

Dr Jin-Soo Kim, President & Chief Scientific Officer, ToolGen, Inc, South Korea

"It has been a great experience for me to attend the Pacific Rim Forum's Inaugural Asia Science-Based Innovation, Life Sciences and Technology Summit in Beijing. It was the first of such higher-level meetings in China, an emerging economy and a promising place for the fast-growing sciences and technology. It also provided a very good and unique opportunity to bring the various people together: scientists, officials, businessmen/women and venture capitalists from all over the world. The content and also the sessions of the Summit were well designed and executed, a good combination of Asian style and the rest of the world! I really appreciated the efforts and sincerity from both organizers and participants and would like to thank the people involved."

Dr Pei Gang, Director, Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences, PR China

"I came to the Inaugural Science Innovation Summit in Beijing with some reservations. I am well versed in the scientific and IT aspects of the life sciences as a whole, given my academic background but I had little exposure to the financial aspect. This meeting turned out to be very useful for me. Firstly for the new understanding of the financial basis underpinning the biotechnology revolution but equally important, a deep insight to what is happening in China, both in academia and industry, in advancing biomedical research and development. My interactions with many of the delegates, both from the East and the West has given me new insight and understanding of the dynamics of this budding technology superpower. I look forward to further participation in the next Summit in Shanghai."

Dr Gunaretnam Rajagopal, Director, Singapore Bioinformatics Institute

"The Science Innovation Summit organized by the Pacific Rim Forum Group have made a great beginning at bringing together top scientists, policy makers, entrepreneurs and venture capitalists from Asia, China and Pacific Rim countries to discuss emerging challenges and opportunities in the fields of life science, biotechnology and information technology. It provided a stimulating and interesting environment to network with others working at the cutting edge. It is an event well worth watching and participating in next May in Shanghai."

Dr Lorenz Ng, Vice President, Research Alliances and Business Development, Eli Lilly China and Asia Pacific, PR China

"I could echo the sentiments of many of your attendees at the Pacific Rim Forum Science Innovation Summit. I found the Summit not just informative, but truly inspirational. Very nice complementary mix of high level people. Great event. I look forward to Shanghai next year."

Prof Tony Eastham, Associate Vice President, R&D, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology, Hong Kong

"I really congratulate you on the successful organization and the output of the meeting. Particularly, I was so happy to have a chance of gathering information on the most recent technologies introduced by such eminent speakers from the various parts of the world. I think that this kind of meeting is very much desirable because the meeting provides chances of exchanging ideas, renewing the knowledges, finding possible partners and being familiar with each participant individually. I will in this aspect, advise members of our Biotechnology Association of Korea to join in the next Summit meeting with as many members as possible."

Dr Wan Kyoo Cho, President, Bioindustry Association of Korea and Former Chairman, Korean Academy of Science & Technology, Korea

"My attendance at the Pacific Rim Forum's Inaugural Asia Science-Based Innovation, Life Sciences and Technology Summit held in Beijing from June 19 to 21 was extremely useful and enjoyable. I was able to get an excellent overview of the progress, plans in Asia, especially China, in the area of biotechnology. The Summit was an appropriate mix of technology and business. I think the right group of people from Government, academia, industry, legal firms and VC/business was represented. I was impressed with the progress being made in Asia and the strong commitment in this technology for future economic growth.

Asia, particularly China is an emerging power in many areas of technology including biotechnology and nanotechnology. For a global company like The Dow Chemical Company, it is extremely important to understand the developments and technical/legal infrastructure in the region, given our own commitment to biotechnology as a future engine of growth. Thanks to this Summit, I should be able to give an excellent report and provide the next set of recommendations to our Biotechnology Steering Committee.

The Summit gave an excellent picture of what is going on inside China in the areas of:

- Applying biotechnology for developing new drugs and modern agriculture
- Who the key players are in China and Asia
- Which are the leading universities where top-class research is being done
- What the legal issues are
- The local talent level
- Involvement of the Government to promote the technology

I came away with a very positive feeling about the whole Summit. I plan to give a detailed presentation to our Business President and the Biotechnology Steering Committee about this meeting, our next set of recommendations and to evolve a 'vision' for our company in this region in the area of biotechnology. I will look forward to the next Summit in Shanghai in 2003."

Dr Mani Subramanian, Global R&D Director, Biotechnology and Bioprocessing, The Dow Chemical Company, USA

"The Inaugural Asia Science-Based Innovation, Life Sciences & Technology Summit was the year's most informative, focused and worthwhile business event in the region. Where else could one so effectively combine unique and insightful investment and market development learnings for any industry interested to do business in the Asia Pacific with networking opportunities among the opinion shapers, movers, shakers, regulators and customers?"

Peter Carre, Chairman, Xcelerator Capital Group, Australia

"I attend a lot of conferences and mostly find them to be rather hit or miss affairs. The 2002 Science Innovation Summit in Beijing is one of the first conferences that I can recall where very thoughtful and detailed preparation was evident. You assembled an outstanding group of speakers from very different spheres of activity, in terms of both geography and skills base. It was clear to me that your goal was to bring together influential opinion leaders and doers as well as the next generation of leaders in Asia. The papers presented were well researched and the documentation was superb. I believe that this conference will become a major thought shaper for the early years of this century."

Keith Williams, CEO, Proteome Systems Ltd, Australia

"It was indeed a memorable experience for me to be part of your Summit. I am deeply impressed by your team members and staff, very professional and knowledgeable. I did chat with many familiar faces from the industrial sector and friends from the scientific community and they are all very excited about the Summit. I will be delighted to join you and your team again next time."

Jun Yu, Senior Research Scientist & Project Director, Rice Genome Project, University of Washington, Seattle, USA