

Rutgers iJOBS Tour NJ Technology Center & CCIT Life Sciences Incubator

February 7th, 2018

3:30 – 6:00

AGENDA

Janet Alder, PhD. – iJOBS and School of Graduate Studies - Introduction

Lenzie Harcum, NJEDA - Welcome

Presentations

- **Jeremy Pronchik, PhD, BioAegis Therapeutics, Scientist**
- **Lesley Northrop, PhD, Celmatix, Clinical Molecular Genetics Lab Dir**
- **Frank K. Bedu-Addo, PhD, PDS Biotechnology, President and CEO**

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Background

Janet Alder, PhD

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Led by Dr. Janet Alder, the Rutgers iJOBS program is funded by the NIH to help biomedical PhD students and postdocs learn about non-academic career options and prepare for the job market (ijobs.rutgers.edu). iJOBS participants will visit CCIT to learn about entrepreneurial career paths for scientists. The program has

many students who are interested in entrepreneurship – many are thinking of starting their own companies one day. A lab tour will follow.

Lenzie Harcum
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Lenzie Harcum leads the 46K square foot CCIT Life Sciences Incubator and the 32 square foot Biotechnology Development Center (BDC) for NJEDA – both life science lab/ office facilities are located within the NJEDA's Technology Centre of New Jersey, a 50 acre research park with 350K square feet of commercial lab/office space.

Presentations -

Jeremy Pronchik, PhD BioAegis Therapeutics, Scientist

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BioAegis Therapeutics is a clinical stage company, developing novel protein replacement therapies targeted at saving lives. The portfolio is based on the endogenous human protein, plasma gelsolin (pGSN). Plasma gelsolin, recently discovered to be a key component of innate immunity, provides an immunotherapeutic approach to fighting pathogens.

Prior to BioAegis, Dr. Pronchik was a scientist at Horiba Scientific and he was a Chemist at Merck. Dr. Pronchik has a PhD in Physical Chemistry from Rutgers and a BS in Chemistry from Bucknell University.

Lesley Northrop, PhD, FACMG Celmatix, Clinical Molecular Genetics Laboratory Director

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Named one of FastCompany's Most Innovative Companies in 2017 and Crain's Biotechs to Watch, Celmatix is changing the face of women's health through the development of digital tools and genetic insights focused on fertility potential. The unique approach combines data science and genomics to bring personalized medicine to fertility.

Prior to Celmatix, Dr. Northrop was Clinical Molecular Genetics Laboratory Director for Shiel Medical Labs and she was a Clinical Cytogenetic & Molecular Geneticist for Columbia University. Dr. Northrop has a PhD in Neuroendocrinology from Boston University, a master's in science from Boston Univ and a BS in Biochemistry from SUNY.

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PDS Biotechnology is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel cancer immunotherapies and vaccines for infectious diseases.

Dr. Bedu-Addo was a founding and senior executive at KBI BioPharma, Inc. where he oversaw all business and drug development operations. Before KBI, he successfully started and managed Cardinal Health's East Coast biotechnology drug development operations. Prior to Cardinal Health, he was an Associate Director at Akzo-Nobel, Senior Scientist at Elan (The Liposome Co.), and Principal Scientist at Schering-Plough. Dr. Bedu-Addo obtained his M.S. in Chemical Engineering and Ph.D. in Pharmaceutics from the University of Pittsburgh.