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BIO Announces Governor Jon Huntsman as Keynote Speaker for the BIO Convention in China

BIO China event will be held October 24-25 in Shanghai

Washington, D.C. (April 19, 2012) - The [Biotechnology Industry Organization](#) (BIO) is pleased to announce that Governor Jon Huntsman, former U.S. Ambassador to China and Governor of Utah, will provide a keynote address at the [BIO Convention in China](#) to be held October 24-25, 2012 in Shanghai. The event will bring together a global audience of biotechnology executives, pharmaceutical companies and investment firms to meet and explore business opportunities within China's emerging biotech sector.

"Governor Huntsman's vast experience with international policy and business, specifically in China, will allow him to provide a unique perspective on best practices in business development between eastern and western companies," said Alan Eisenberg, executive vice president of Emerging Companies and Business Development at BIO.

From 2009 through April 2011, Governor Huntsman served as an Ambassador to China when he stepped down to run for the 2012 Republican nomination for President of the United States. Prior to serving as Ambassador to China, Huntsman was twice elected as Governor of Utah. During his tenure as Governor, Utah was named by the Pew Center as the Best Managed State in America.

Governor Huntsman began his public service career as a White House staff assistant to President Ronald Reagan and enjoyed such appointments as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Asia, U.S. Ambassador to Singapore and Deputy U.S. Trade Representative. As a U.S. Trade Ambassador, Governor Huntsman has successfully negotiated free trade and investment agreements for the United States with China, Taiwan, Singapore, Australia, India, Vietnam, West Africa, South Africa and other Asian and African nations.

He is a founding director of the Pacific Council on International Policy and has served on such boards as the Brookings Institute Asia Policy Board, the Center for Strategic and International Studies Pacific Forum, the Asia Society in New York and the National Bureau of Asian Research.

The [BIO Convention in China](#) will feature plenary sessions and workshops on health and regulatory issues, intellectual property, business development and vaccines, and global health. The conference also will feature company presentations, partnering meeting opportunities, and an Exhibition. The convention will include biopharmaceutical industry leaders from North America, Europe and Asia.

BIO brings to China more than 16 years of experience in organizing international conferences for the biotech industry, including the [BIO International Convention](#), the world's largest annual biotech conference. BIO is renowned for its successful business development, partnering and investor meetings in North America, Europe and Asia. Partnering at this conference will be powered by BIO *One-on-One*

Partnering™, an interactive environment to intelligently search, contact and schedule private meetings with potential partners and investors.

BIO China is organized by BIO and co-organized by Zhangjiang Hi-Tech Park. For more information on BIO China, please visit [here](#).

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2012 BioEquity Europe

May 15-16, 2012

Frankfurt, Germany

2012 BIO International Convention

June 18-21, 2012

Boston, MA

BIO Business Forum

June 18 – 21, 2012

Boston, MA

About BIO

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