



**BioAustin, Texas Medical Device Alliance & Austin Health Tech Newsletter
March 2018**

Spring is around the corner! As always, please feel free to share events, information, or career opportunities with the Life Science community by emailing elisa@texmda.org so that we will include them in the monthly newsletter.

INDUSTRY NEWS:

2018 BIOAUSTIN SXSW DISCOUNTS

We are pleased to extend a new benefit to you as part of your BioAustin membership. We've partnered with the team at SXSW and are offering paid members access to SXSW badges at a group rate substantially discounted from the current published prices. This discount will work for any kind of badge at the event.

SXSW will run from March 9th – 18th, 2018. It brings an international audience of startups, investors, and seasoned companies including those in the biotech and healthtech area. If interest exists, we will have a lunch and learn to tell you how to take advantage of opportunities at SXSW early in the New Year. Please let me know if you are interested.

To receive discounted prices, you must fill out the form at <http://bit.ly/BioAustinSXSW2018>

Discounts extended to March 1 at noon for substantial SXSW discounts! You will be sent a unique registration discount code allowing you to purchase the ticket. Pricing information can be found on this form. You may not resell or transfer these discount codes and you must be a paid member in good standing to qualify for this benefit. Membership information can be found at <http://bioaustin.com/benefits-dues/> Any questions should be directed to sxsw@bioaustin.com.

Texas Health Catalyst Still Accepting Applications/Letters of Interest – Last Reminder

Texas Health Catalyst - a UT Austin program housed at Dell Medical School & aimed at accelerating promising ideas (devices, digital health solutions, treatments, diagnostics) as they make their way to the clinic. Seed funding (\$5k - \$50k) available to select projects along with customized feedback, connections with strategic partners & networking opportunities. UT & Dell Med Faculty members and local innovators/companies eligible to apply. Grad students, residents & postdocs can also apply provided they have a UT/Dell Med Faculty PI. This is the last reminder that the **deadline is March 23rd**. Apply here: <https://dellmed.utexas.edu/thc>

The FDA Published Third Party Performance Metrics

The performances of individual accredited third parties, which include at least five completed submissions on the web are now available on the following link: [Third Party Performance Metrics](#). As part of the FDA Modernization Act of 1997 (FDAMA), the Accredited Persons Program was created to improve the efficiency and timeliness of the FDA's premarket notification process that required accredited persons to submit a 510(k) for eligible devices, which are reviewed by the accredited third-party reviewers. These reviewer performance reports will be published and updated on a quarterly basis.

Women in Bio (<https://www.womeninbio.org/page/texas>) is partnered with SmartBrief to provide you quick up-to-date news affecting your field. Subscribe for free here https://www2.smartbrief.com/signupSystem/subscribe.action?pageSequence=1&briefName=wib&campaign=in_brief_signup_link&utm_source=brief

Austin Biotech and Healthtech and Device companies, please take our 5-minute survey!

Tell us about your bio or health related company in this 5-minute survey. Answers will help us concentrate efforts to make Austin the best place for bio and health innovation. If your company has anything to do with improving health, we want to hear from you! <http://bit.ly/AustinBiotechSurvey>

Life Science Women's Conference

As a member of BioAustin, Texas Medical Device Alliance & Austin Health Tech you are entitled to a ticketing fee **discount** to attend the Life Science Women's Conference in Austin, Texas on **August 8-9th 2018**. By using the special code **TMDA2018** you can save a little money while showing your support of women in the Life Sciences.

The two-day Life Science Women's Conference is a wonderful way to network and connect with professionals in the life science community. The conference will provide unparalleled opportunities to meet women from all over the country who work in the life sciences at every level. The Life Science Women's Conference Program is designed to inspire, empower, and educate women who work or desire to work in the life science industries. There will be 70 speakers covering 5 major tracks:

WONDER WOMEN

Hear from accomplished women who will inspire others to follow in their footsteps, and take Life Sciences to the next level. Attendees will be able to network with these leaders and perhaps even find a mentor.

CAREER

Individual speakers and panelists will share strategies to identify viable career paths and discuss specific challenges that women may face in their careers.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mini workshops and speakers will provide attendees with tools such as Negotiation, Mentoring, Communication and many more to assist them in continually developing professionally.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Have an idea for a new company? Learn how to start it and grow it from these successful entrepreneurs.

LIFE SCIENCE UPDATES AND HOT TOPICS

What would a Life Science Conference be without science? Receive updates on subjects such as gene therapy, novel methods for cancer detection, innovation in medical education and patient care, innovations in clinical research, data integrity issues in industry, Artificial Intelligence, recent FDA trends, CRISPR, and more.

There will also be ample time for networking with other attendees and with speakers, and visiting the exhibits to learn about new products and services. The conference will be held at the **Austin Convention Center**. Register for The Life Science Women's Conference online at www.lifesciconf.com

Anyone seeking more information regarding corporate sponsorship or exhibit space at the Life Science Women's Conference may contact Cody Mahaffey (cody@lifesciconf.com or 205-999-6782).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

THURSDAY, March 1, 12PM, Austin, TX

Last chance to get discounts for SXSW

<http://bit.ly/BioAustinSXSW2018>

TUESDAY, March 6, Houston & Austin, TX

UK Healthcare Trade Mission to Texas: Austin Reception

Join this networking session hosted by Norton Rose Fulbright and the Association of British Healthcare Industries.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/uk-healthcare-trade-mission-to-texas-austin-reception-tickets-43393371743>

WEDNESDAY, March 7th, 4:30-6:30PM, Austin, TX

ACC Bioscience Incubator

ACC Bioscience Incubator is hosting an open house celebrating the wet lab incubator's one-year anniversary. Join member companies, entrepreneurs, mentors, faculty and students for networking, light refreshments, and tours of the state-of-the-art life sciences incubator on Wednesday, March 7th, 4:30-6:30PM at ACC Highland Building 4000. ACC Bioscience Incubator is a fully-equipped wet laboratory and startup incubator that currently houses 10 life science startups while providing hand-on training for students.

RSVP is required through the following link <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ef4gkxey44db8a38&oseq=&ch=>

THURSDAY, March 8, Houston & Austin, TX

WIB-Texas Women's History Month Launch Event and Celebration of International Women's Day

Sign up by March 7th for limited seating at this free event hosted simultaneously in Austin and Houston via video broadcasting.

<http://www.womeninbio.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1074501&group=>

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, March 9-11, Houston & Austin, TX

SXSW 2018: Digital Health Tour

Get inspired by the creative crowd at SXSW in Austin AND explore business opportunities in one of the most important healthcare hubs in the USA!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sxsw-2018-digital-health-tour-in-houston-austin-tickets-41062177077?aff=es2>

SUNDAY – MONDAY, March 11-12, Austin, TX

SXSW HealthSpark 2018

What are the innovations that will shape the landscape of tomorrow? Who has the solutions to problems we may not know we have? We're on a mission to ignite the next wave of Health Tech. We have organized a group of dedicated healthcare experts, marketers, and investors to help find out. Speakers include experts from Amazon, MIT Hacking Medicine, Bayer, Philips HealthWorks and more. Or better yet, participate in the Barracuda Bowl designed for health tech startups solving big problems. Register here:

<https://spark2018.health/schedule/>

WEDNESDAY, March 14, Austin, TX

Small Biz Camp

Listen to success stories and "mini" presentations, and network with fellow small business owners for this one-day event.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/small-biz-camp-with-julie-niehoff-unofficial-sxsw-event-for-locals-tickets-42998985122>

THURSDAY – FRIDAY, March 22-23, Houston, TX

The New EU Medical Device Regulation

This Seminar will look at what to expect when the new regulation is implemented. Including: the transition period, Effect on Notified Bodies, Impact of the MDR on Quality Management Systems (QMS), technical documentation, clinical trial requirements, UDI and combination products.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-new-eu-medical-device-regulation-ntz-tickets-42240656942?aff=es2>

FRIDAY, March 23, Austin, TX

Deadline for Austin startups to apply to [Texas Health Catalyst](#), a program @ Dell Medical School that accelerates the translation of solutions that move the needle on better health. If you would like to participate as an industry advisor/mentor/partner in 2018, please contact TexasHealthCatalyst@austin.utexas.edu.

WEDNESDAY, March 28, Austin, TX

Healthcare Businesswomen's Association

Alive and Aware: Choosing to Take a Holistic Approach to Your Healthcare Career

<https://my.hbanet.org/MyHBA/EventDetails.aspx?MeetingID=D8744354-3617-E811-858C-0050569C00A7>

WEDNESDAY, April 11, Austin, TX

Local University

Join this crash course in Internet Marketing to learn how your business can use the Internet to get more customers.

<https://localaustin.com/>

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, April 23-25, Austin, TX

2018 Texas Life Science CEO Summit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-texas-life-science-ceo-summit-tickets-42202745548?aff=es2>

Friday, May 4, Temple, TX

Temple Health & Bioscience District 2018 Annual Symposium – Growing Your Startup: From the Ground Up

This year, the Temple Health & Bioscience District (THBD) 2018 Annual Symposium will focus on Growing Your Startup: From the Ground Up. Hear from industry leaders and experts on how to take your ideas from conception to commercialization. Topics include: how to protect your IP, how to approach funding, steps to commercialization and more. In addition to speaker presentations and networking opportunities, the symposium will include a pitch competition featuring 10 startups competing for the chance to win the following prizes: <http://templebioscience.org/>

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, August 8-9, Austin, TX

Life Science Women’s Conference

BioAustin members will be offered an exclusive discounted registration fee of \$995 (regular price is \$1250). Enter the coupon code “TMDA2018” on the website for this event.

<https://lifesciconf.com/>

MONDAY-TUESDAY, August 13-14, TBD, TX

7th Clinical Trials Inspection Readiness Summit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/7th-clinical-trials-inspection-readiness-summit-exl-as-tickets-39250500303?aff=es2>

TUESDAY, October 2, Austin, TX

Innotech Austin

Speakers and sessions are still being organized, but events will include Women in Tech Summit, DevOps, IT Security Track, and many more. Keep track of this event on the link below.

<http://www.innotechconferences.com/austin/>

CAREERS CORNER:

Merck (Austin, TX)

Multiple positions

[Apply here](#)

Pharmatech Professionals, Senior Regulatory Affairs Specialist (Denver, Colorado)

Software experience is required for this opportunity to work on new technology with this medical device company. **Relocation assistance is offered.** Email Mike Lambert at mlambert@pharmatechpro.com with your resume and your available hours to talk.

Globiox (Austin, TX)

Regulatory Affairs/Quality Auditing Specialist

<https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=9217d403b6fcbb3c&from=myjobs&tk=1c79cu7uuao6k8r1>

Arsenal Products (Austin, TX)

<https://arsenal-products.careerplug.com/account>

Solidworks CAD Technician

<https://arsenal-products.careerplug.com/jobs/725469/apps/new>

Project - Medical Device Automated Tooling

<https://arsenal-products.careerplug.com/jobs/718779/apps/new>

Automation Engineer - Mechanical Engineering

<https://arsenal-products.careerplug.com/jobs/664882/apps/new>

Principal Product Development Engineer - Medical Devices

<https://arsenal-products.careerplug.com/jobs/716624/apps/new>

Medical Writing Contract Position (Texas)

12-month Medical Writing contract position with a Medical Device company. Person must be on site in any of the three following: Tennessee, Texas, or Massachusetts. Email Dennis Kapsimalis (ALKU) at dkapsimalis@alku.com or call 978-296-1888 to discuss further.

Regulatory Affairs Manager (Dallas, Texas)

Requires application of regulatory knowledge, technical/business understanding, and people management skills to lead a regulatory team with pre and post market responsibility. Serves as the Regulatory Affairs leader for the Communications Business Unit, interacting with other functional leaders and the General Manager. May serve as site Management Representative or deputy. Will interact with FDA, ISO, and other external regulatory agencies.

Contact: Andrew Brown, Medical Device Search Group, Inc. call 786-372-4343 or email Andrew at abrown@medicaldevicesearchgroup.com

Medical Device Group (Austin, TX)

Innovative recruiting services found here <http://www.medicaldevicesearchgroup.com/home>

Regulatory Affairs Specialist International (Dallas, TX)

Regulatory Affairs Specialist to focus on Class II and Class III submissions to international regulatory agencies in countries like Brazil, China, Japan, EU, etc. This candidate should have experience advising teams and communicating prior deficiencies with past submissions.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

BioAustin/AHT/TMDA

We are seeking more volunteers to compile and write the newsletters or maintain our websites. If interested, please reach out to Scott Collins at scott@bioaustin.com or Elisa Maldonado-Holmertz at elisa@texmda.org.

TMDA Executive Director

TMDA is looking for an Executive Director to replace Sarah Haverin who is unfortunately stepping down. The vacancy is to be filled by an individual that has an interest in supporting the medtech/medical device/diagnostics industries. Texas Medical Device Alliance (TMDA) is a volunteer, sponsor-based industry organization (<http://texmda.org/>). If you'd like to learn more, please contact Elisa at elisa@texmda.org.

Please notify us of any Careers or Volunteer opportunities!

Warm regards,

Dana Abramovitz, Amy Dowell, Hilary Graham, Dan Greenfield, Elisa Maldonado-Holmertz, and Tamiko Oguri on behalf of BioAustin, Texas Medical Device Alliance (TMDA), and Austin Health Technology (AHT)