



6TH WORLD LIFE SCIENCES FORUM

BIOVISION

8-11 March 2009 - Lyon, France

Life and the City

Day 1	Sunday, March 8
10:30 – 13:30	Registration
13:30 – 14:00	BioVision Organising Committee and Local Authorities Welcome
14:00 – 15:30	Opening Debate: CIVIL SOCIETY'S EXPECTATIONS What do your citizens consider a healthy city? A high level panel with mayors of megacities opening the conference with geographic diversity
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:30	Debate: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN LIFE SCIENCES A Nobel panel with scientists presenting the latest major advances in life sciences
17:30 – 19:00	Plenary Session: WORLD LEADERS REACTING ON CIVIL SOCIETY'S EXPECTATIONS VIS A VIS LIFE SCIENCES DEVELOPMENTS A high-level panel reacting to civil society's expectations on major advances in life sciences
19:30 – 21:30	BioVision Cocktail Reception

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Day 2 | Monday, March 9

	LIFE AND THE CITY		ADVANCES IN LIFE SCIENCES	
9:00	MANAGING URBAN EPIDEMICS: 1. Biocrises Managing public health emergencies in the megacities (Coffee Break) 2. Infectious Diseases Low and high resource cities compare their plans to combat infection	HEALTH SYSTEMS: NATIONAL ISSUE, URBAN SOLUTIONS Delivering and financing health in larger urban centers	RNA: NEW TOOLS AND DRUGS FOR TOMORROW? From micro RNA research to real world drugs	
	Coffee Break			
		GETTING OLDER IN THE BIG CITY High resource cities must also become aging friendly	CANCER: SMALL VICTORIES ARE VICTORIES Cancer research	
12:30	Lunch			
14:00	FEEDING THE CITY : 1. Food for All ? Paradigms for sustainable urban food supplies in low resource cities 2. Urban Obesity Focus on the impact of urban life on obesity		STEM CELLS: EVEN MORE PROMISING? Beyond the controversy, is stem cells research delivering on its promise?	LIFE SPACE MY HEALTH: I PAY OR WE PAY?
			THE UNRESOLVED ISSUE OF MALARIA Are we able to meet the challenge of eradication?	
17:00	Coffee Break			
17:30	Interview Session: CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON LIFE IN THE CITY			
18:00	Plenary Session : A HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES PERSPECTIVE ON URBAN CONCENTRATIONS			
19:30				
20:00- 21:30	Debate Dinners			

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Day 3

Tuesday, March 10

9:00

LIFE AND THE CITY

ADVANCES IN LIFE SCIENCES

CITIES WITHOUT ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT?

1. Hyper Green Cities

Can current green city experiments be translated into real world implementation?

(Coffee break)

2. Wasteless Cities

AIR WE CAN BREATHE

Are there life science solutions to air pollution?

GMOs: AN ACCEPTABLE VERSION 2.0?

Can second generation of genetically modified plants move GMOs beyond today's contentious debate?

Coffee Break

URBAN STRESS

Lowering stress in the city

IGNORED ASPECTS OF BIODIVERSITY

Understanding biodiversity's ignored aspects is life critical

LIFE SPACE

FOOD, FEED OR FUEL?

12:30

Lunch

14:00

WATER IN THE CITY :

1. Getting it In

Getting water to 1.6 billion people

2. Getting it Out

Sanitation for even more

BIROBOTICS ON THE MOVE

Can we, should we, will we go forward with bio-inspired robots?

SEE THE BRAIN, CURE THE BRAIN?

Medical imaging has shown us the brain; how is it helping brain and mind research?

17:00

Coffee Break

17:30

Plenary Session: 2nd GENERATION OF BIOFUELS FOR THE CITY

19:00

Beyond vehicles, how will biofuels be used in the city?

19:30

BioVision Cocktail

21:30



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Day 4

Wednesday, March 11

9:00 – 11:00

Plenary Session:

DECISIONMAKERS, OVER TO YOU ...

A high level panel of politicians and industrialists sharing their reactions on BioVision's proposed solutions

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00

Plenary Session:

THE CITY TOMORROW, AS I SEE IT

A novelist, film-maker or poet sharing its view on the perfect city of the future

13:00 – 14:30

BioVision 2009 closing lunch