



## San Jose BioCenter Press Release

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### **Melinda Richter to Be Keynote Speaker for Union City 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Biotechnology Symposium.**

October 1, 2008, San Jose, California – Melinda Richter, CEO of the San Jose BioCenter and Founder & CEO of Prescience International, will be the keynote speaker at Union City 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Biotechnology Symposium on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Union City Crowne Plaza.

Ms Richter will talk to an audience of to 100 attendees that include the biotech community, other business leaders and elected officials. Ms Richter will unveil the economic value of the life science companies located in local economies, biotech developments, opportunities and future investments, in her discussion "Biotechnology Start-Ups and the Future".

Other keynote speakers include Matthew Gardner, CEO of BayBio, and Gill Ahrens, Vice President of VC Relationships at JP Morgan.

#### **About the San Jose BioCenter**

The San Jose BioCenter is a life science and emerging technologies incubator providing state-of-the-art laboratory facilities, specialized research equipment, and best-in-class business support services. Our mission is to provide entrepreneurs with that "Big Company Advantage" through facilities, equipment, resources, contacts and expertise they need to commercialize their technology.

Established in 2004 by the Redevelopment Agency of the City of San Jose and the San Jose State University Research Foundation, and managed by Prescience International, the San Jose BioCenter is the first of its kind to provide a comprehensive suite of laboratory and business services in a biotech-ready facility. With a total investment of over \$7.9 million in facilities and equipment, the San Jose BioCenter has evolved into the premier destination location for emerging companies and research scientists alike. For more information, visit [www.sjbiocenter.com](http://www.sjbiocenter.com).

#### **About Union City Biotechnology Symposium**

Thursday, October 2, 2008 | Registration and Complimentary Breakfast from 8:30 to 9 am | Discussions from 9 to 11am | Crowne Plaza, Union City.

The Bay Area is the hub of biotech activity innovation. Learn about biotech Developments, opportunities AND future investments. Meet industry leaders and partners. Join over 100 life science professionals from around the Greater Bay Area and hear from the following experts. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited. Please RSVP to Christine Friday, City of Union City at 510-675-5396 or [Cfriday@ci.union-city.ca.us](mailto:Cfriday@ci.union-city.ca.us). For more information, visit [www.ci.union-city.ca.us/ED/ed\\_HOME.htm](http://www.ci.union-city.ca.us/ED/ed_HOME.htm).