

# AfroBioTech

## 2023 AfroBiotech Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 • Atlanta, GA

The AfroBiotech Conference, hosted by the Society for Biological Engineering (SBE), will highlight the achievements of African Americans in biotechnology, inspire a new generation of diverse biotechnology professionals and identify, communicate, and explore current advancements in various aspects of Biotechnology. The conference aims to support SBE's diverse engineering community.

### Conference Chairs

- **Karmella Haynes**, Emory University
- **Marian Ackun-Farmmer**, Georgia Tech

### Topics Include:

- **Regenerative Engineering**
- **Health and Medical Applications**
- **Cell Systems Engineering**
- **Synthetic and Computational Biology**
- **Nucleic Acid and Genome Design**
- **Bioengineering and Our Community**

### Organizing Committee

- **Anthony Guiseppi-Elie**, Clemson University
- **Lydia Contreras**, University of Texas at Austin
- **Weslee Glenn**, Ayana Bio
- **Catherine Whittington**, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- **Monet Roberts**, Virginia Tech
- **Christin Salley**, Georgia Tech
- **Simone Douglas-Green**, MIT
- **Jamal Lewis**, University of Florida
- **Corey Wilson**, Georgia Tech
- **Valeria Juarez**, Georgia Tech
- **Ed Botchwey**, Georgia Tech

### Why Sponsor?

Sponsoring this conference shows your company's support and leadership in developing and applying cell free technologies. It allows you to connect and communicate your message with experts and leaders working in this field. Exhibiting allows you to directly interact with conference attendees and educate them on how your products and services can assist their research efforts.

All levels of sponsorship are customizable to meet your budget and goals for the meeting. Please do not hesitate to ask if you are interested in customized means of recognition. All sponsorships include the core benefits outlined below. The base packages are described in the table on this page and the following page.

Sign up as a sponsor today by contacting Teneyke Smith  
Email: [tenes@aiche.org](mailto:tenes@aiche.org) Phone: 917-968-590

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## Sponsorship Package Details and Exclusive Options

At each sponsor level there are several options for recognition listed on the following pages. In addition to the overall sponsorship recognition, sponsors will receive exclusive branding opportunities based on the package chosen with each sponsorship level.

### PLATINUM SPONSORSHIPS

#### **Reception Sponsor – \$12,500**

- Prominent signage at the Cocktail Reception
- Drinks served at or near exhibit booth
- Promotion from conference chair prior to Reception
- Host branded sponsor logo napkins during the Reception
- Four registrations
- Full page color advertisement in program book
- Logo in promotional emails
- Exhibit space

#### **Lunch Workshop Sponsor – \$10,000**

- Host one sponsored presentation on the main program during the Lunch hour
- Receive prominent signage during your Conference Lunch session
- Receive promotion about presentation in conference agenda/materials and pre-event marketing email invites
- All food and beverage included in package
- Three registrations
- Full page color advertisement in program book
- Logo in promotional emails
- Exhibit space

### GOLD SPONSORSHIPS

#### **Welcome Bag Sponsor – \$8,000**

- Corporate logo on bag distributed to each attendee
- Can distribute bags to all attendees during Registration
- Can include an insert of Sponsor collateral in all Welcome bags
- Two registrations
- Logo in event promotional emails
- Exhibit space

#### **Badge/Lanyard Sponsor – \$7,500**

- Corporate logo on item distributed to each attendee
- Two registrations
- Logo in promotional emails
- Exhibit space

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## Agenda Session Sponsor - \$7,500

- Prominent signage during one of the event sessions
- Can Sponsor one existing presentation on the main program during the event
- Will take place in main conference theatre
- Can host Q&A/ promotional session at the end of the presentation
- Will receive promotion about presentation in conference agenda/materials
- Two registrations
- Logo in promotional emails
- Exhibit space

## SILVER SPONSORSHIPS

### Roundtable Session Sponsor - \$5,000

- Personal signage at your Table discussion
- Can host one open group discussion on pressing market issue
- Can have roundtable topic exclusivity on question/market issue that is discussed
- Can receive private table/room to host discussion
- Will receive promotion about roundtable topics/times in conference agenda/materials
- Two registrations
- Logo in promotional emails
- Exhibit space

### Coffee Break Sponsor - \$5,000

- Prominent signage at one break session
- Drinks or Snacks served at or near exhibit booth
- Promotion from conference chair prior to Break
- Host branded sponsor logo cups during the Break
- Two registrations
- Logo in promotional emails
- Exhibit space

## BRONZE SPONSORSHIPS

### Exhibit Package - \$2,500

- One registration
- Exhibit space

### Branding Package – \$2,500

- Two registrations
- Branding as Sponsor on Onsite Signage, website and program



## Sponsorship Reservation Form

### Contact Information

Name (First/Given Last/Family): \_\_\_\_\_ Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name (as you wish it to appear): \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Postal Code, Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Address (your logo will link to this url on the conference website): \_\_\_\_\_

### Signature Required for Sponsorship Confirmation

By signing below you acknowledge that you have read and agree to abide by the terms and conditions enclosed in this sponsorship prospectus.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sponsorship/Exhibit Level

Please indicate your selected sponsorship level: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate your selected benefits (see previous pages for options): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount (total amount of your selected sponsorship and/or exhibit product(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment

Select Choice of Payment:  Check or Money Order Payable to AIChE/Invoice  Credit Card  Wire Transfer

**For Check or Money Order/Invoice Indicate PO# (if required for invoice):** \_\_\_\_\_

### For Credit Card

American Express  Mastercard  Visa  Discover  Diner's Club

Name (as it appears on card): \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Postal Code of Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Required for Payment by Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed forms can be emailed to [tenes@aiche.org](mailto:tenes@aiche.org), faxed to 646-495-1501, or mailed to:  
American Institute of Chemical Engineering, Attn: Teneyke Smith, 120 Wall Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10005



## Sponsor Terms and Conditions

**1. Acceptability of Exhibits** All exhibits shall serve the interests of the members of AIChE and shall be operated in a way that will not detract from other exhibits or from the Exhibition. Exhibit Management determines acceptability of persons, things, conduct and/or printed matter and reserves the right to require the immediate withdrawal of any exhibit which is believed to be injurious to the purpose of the Association. All exhibits will remain within space described. In the event of such restriction or eviction, exhibit fees and any other exhibit-related expense may not be refunded.

**2. Sponsorship Packages** Standard sponsorship package details can be found in the meeting sponsorship prospectus. Any custom sponsorship packages will be agreed to in writing between the AIChE and Sponsor.

**3. Payment** Full payment must accompany the exhibitor and sponsor reservation unless a special payment arrangement has been approved by AIChE and attached to this agreement. Payments should be remitted directly to AIChE by wire transfer, check, cash or credit card. All payments must be received in full 30 days before the meeting start date. Exhibitor and sponsor registrations made 29 days or less to the meeting start date must be paid in full, no alternative payment arrangements will be made.

**4. Assignment of Space** Exhibit location assignments are assigned approximately 30-45 days prior to the meeting start date with priority based on the date of payment. Registrations not paid in full 30 days prior to meeting start date will not be assigned a booth location until full payment is made.

**5. Care of Exhibits** Nothing shall be posted on, nailed, screwed or otherwise attached to columns, walls, floors or other parts of the building or furniture. Distribution of promotional gummed stickers or labels is strictly prohibited. Any property destroyed or damaged by an exhibitor must be replaced or restored to its original condition by the exhibitor or at the exhibitor's expense.

**6. Exhibit Fees** Fees for exhibit rental, including dates during which promotional rates may apply, are set forth in the Exhibitor Prospectus. A listing of the items included in the standard exhibitor package appears in the same section.

**7. Eligibility** Only the company named on this contract will be used in exhibitor and sponsor recognition opportunities by AIChE. No subsidiaries or secondary company units will be permitted in the same contract.

**8. Marketing / Promotions** AIChE has authorization to use the exhibitor or sponsor logo and/or images for marketing purposes in all media. Company logos must be submitted in a timely manner (based on marketing deadlines). Logos will be used as submitted by the exhibitor or sponsor. Any additions or changes must be added to the logo file by the exhibitor or sponsor. AIChE reserves the right to refuse placement of any graphic and/or image that it believes to be objectionable for any reason.

**9. Insurance & Required Certificate of Insurance** The Exhibitor understands that neither AIChE nor the venue maintains insurance covering the Exhibitor's property and it is the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor to obtain such insurance. Exhibitor agrees to obtain and keep in force, during the term of occupancy and use of the facility, policies of General Liability insurance, specifically including the Premises-Operations and Personal Injury Liability with limits not less than \$1,000,000 CSL (combined single limit each accident), and, if applicable, Worker's Compensation insurance to statutory limits in the jurisdiction where the meeting is held, Employer's Liability insurance with limits not less than \$500,000 CSL, and Automobile Liability insurance covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles with limits not less than \$1,000,000 CSL per occurrence. Exhibitor agrees to include "American Institute of Chemical Engineers" and the meeting venue in the General and Auto Liability policies as additional insureds thereunder. Exhibitor insurance will be considered primary of any similar insurance carried by AIChE or the meeting venue. Exhibitor Commercial General Liability and Automobile Liability policies to contain standard Waiver of Subrogation provision.

**Such Certificate of Insurance must be provided to AIChE no less than 21 days before the proposed exhibit date. All policies of insurance will be with insurance companies rated by A. M. Best Company as an A-VII or better or otherwise acceptable to AIChE.**

**10. Cancellation by Exhibitor** All reservations cancelled by 5 PM EST 30 days prior to meeting start date will receive a 75% refund. (A 25% processing fee is

charged on all cancellations received more than 30 days before the meeting.) Cancellations received less than 29 days prior to meeting start date are not eligible for refund. In the event payment has not been made at time of cancellation, you will be invoiced for the balance due.

**11. Cancellation by Sponsor** There are no refunds or credits for sponsorship cancellations once payment has been received.

**12. Cancellation or Postponement of Event by AIChE** AIChE may decide to cancel or postpone the event, in its sole discretion. If AIChE postpones said event, sponsorship and exhibit funds will be carried forward to the rescheduled event. If AIChE cancels said event, AIChE will consider a refund on a case-by-case basis depending on a number of factors including the related expenses already incurred by AIChE and the already accrued visibility of sponsorship and exhibits.

**13. Change of Conference Format** AIChE may decide to change the conference format from in-person to virtual, in its sole discretion. If AIChE changes the format of said event, sponsorship and exhibit benefits will be converted to applicable products offered in the virtual conference platform.

**14. Exclusivity** AIChE events are offered to all potential sponsors and exhibitors without exclusivity.

**15. Indemnification and Hold Harmless** Exhibitor or Sponsor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless AIChE, the event facility, the owner of such facility, and the city in which this event is being held, and their respective officers, agents and employees, from and against all bodily and personal injury, loss, claims, or damage to any person or any property arising in any way from the Exhibitor company, its employees, agents, licensees, contractors or customers. AIChE shall not be responsible for loss or damage to displays or goods belonging to Exhibitor or Sponsor.

**16. Resolution of Disputes** If a dispute or disagreement arises between Exhibitor or Sponsor and AIChE or between two or more Exhibitors or Sponsors, such dispute will be reviewed by AIChE. To address such dispute, the Exhibitor(s) or Sponsor(s) must present a document in writing to AIChE stating the dispute in detail. AIChE will take immediate action to review the dispute, evaluate its merit and make a ruling. All decisions made by AIChE are final.

**17. Acceptance** All terms and conditions are in effect once the Exhibitor or Sponsor signs the registration form. This agreement shall not be binding on AIChE until received and accepted by AIChE.

**18. Confidentiality** This Agreement, its terms and the Event are each confidential until publicly announced by AIChE. You may not disclose the existence of this Agreement or the terms of this Agreement to any third party without AIChE's prior written consent. You hereby authorize AIChE to provide your company representative's contact information including address, phone number, fax number and contact person information to the AIChE events and marketing team, and any AIChE vendor contracted to AIChE work for this Event, as well as to the venue owner and its employees, agents and contractors.

**19. Independent Contractors** The parties shall be independent contractors under this Agreement, and nothing herein shall constitute either party as the employer, employee, agent, or representative of the other party, or both parties as joint ventures or partners for any purpose.

**20. No Assignment** The rights granted by this Agreement are personal in nature. Sponsor may not assign this Agreement to any third party without the written consent of AIChE.

**21. Miscellaneous** This Agreement supersedes any prior oral or written understanding between AIChE and Exhibitor or Sponsor, and may not be amended or modified except in writing signed by both parties. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.