
2017 World Alliance Forum in San Francisco

Healthcare Game Changers

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2017 WAFSF: Healthcare Game Changers

A tsunami lies in wait for nations that do not embrace innovation in the healthcare sector. Healthcare costs continue to spiral. Populations of developed nations continue to age, and the incidence of chronic diseases continues to escalate. Fortunately, against this backdrop is the emergence of innovations that will allow us a much needed change of course.

2017 WAFSF highlights dramatic new innovations in the lab, clinic, at the regulatory level, and in finance, that will help pave a new path. It includes presentations from lawmakers regarding new laws and regulatory pathways designed to deliver better healthcare, and business leaders who will discuss new business and financing models. In addition, the conference will feature presentations from top-tier regenerative medicine, gene therapy, and digital health companies and researchers. Esteemed thought leaders will also discuss how companies and universities can continue to foster innovation and bring game changing therapeutics to the market.

Those who should attend this conference include: multinational corporate executives seeking insights on how to keep their companies relevant and how to access the high growth healthcare market; researchers in the healthcare field seeking information on innovations in the advanced therapeutic and digital health sectors; entrepreneurs and startup executives; and patients and advocacy groups interested in learning more about emerging healthcare technologies.

“Never before in history has innovation offered promise of so much to so many in so short a time.”

Bill Gates



This conference brings the best minds together from the both sides of the Pacific along with leaders of other parts of the world... This conference is an accelerator – it brings the great minds together. It shares ideas. It drives progress. It drives therapies and outcomes, and eventually, cures.

– Robert Klein, CIRM

About WAFSF

Since 2013, the World Alliance Forum in San Francisco (WAFSF) has focused on the commercialization and industrialization of new technologies in healthcare fields including regenerative medicine, gene therapy, cancer immunotherapy, and digital health.

In the past four years, a total of more than one thousand leaders from the US, Japan, and other countries, representing diverse companies from different industries, academic and research institutions, governments, and nonprofit organizations were in attendance. As a result of this premier, annual international conference, multiple partnerships and countless connections were formed.

Immersion in the active discussions by leading visionaries and unique attendee composition at WAFSF encourages cross-industry, cross-sector, and cross-boarder collaborations, which makes WAFSF an important destination for business development.



The most important part of the conference is the amount of partners that are available here for us to meet with, global partners. It has really opened doors for us to think about partnering with organizations from Japan especially here at the World Alliance Forum. It's been an enormous help for us as a company.

– Robin Smith, ORIG3N



I am so pleased to see that the organizers have been able to move with the times and organize discussions around timely, new approaches such as gene and CAR-T cell therapy... Great hockey player Gretzky said “You don’t aim for the puck – you aim where you think the puck is moving toward.” That’s what this meeting does.

– Arlene Chiu, City of Hope

Forum Feature



Distinguished Speakers

Every year, WAFSF is proud to host the world's leading figures and visionaries in the field. On the picture are Nobel laureates Dr. Shinya Yamanaka (left) and Dr. Paul Berg (right) at 2013 WAFSF.



High Quality Networking

Attendees represent different industries, research institutions, and governmental agencies. This unique composition of attendees make way for new ideas and have resulted in multiple collaboration and partnership deals.



Business Opportunities

Many business opportunities are offered at WAFSF, ranging from sponsorships, exhibitions, and presentations, which give direct access to key decision makers from the industry, academia, and governments.



Compelling Agenda

From trending innovations and startups and funding and commercialization strategies to new regulatory frameworks, discussions at WAFSF are active, exciting, comprehensive, and interdisciplinary.

Speakers (Selected, 2013-2016)



Shinya Yamanaka
(Kyoto U.)



Paul Berg
(Stanford U.)



Masayo Takahashi
(RIKEN)



Daniel Kraft
(Singularity U.)



Pitch Johnson
(AMC)



Satoshi Imamura
(JMA)



Susan Solomon
(NYSCEF)



Michael Doherty
(Roche)



Emily Drabant Conley
(23andMe)



Keiya Ozawa
(Tokyo U.)



Stacy Feld
(JNJ)



Irving Weissman
(Stanford U.)



Edward Lanphier
(Sangamo)



Robert Klein
(CIRM)



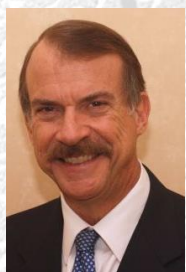
Robert Preti
(ARM)



Hideyuki Okano
(Keio U.)



George Hara
(DEFTA)



Jonathan Thomas
(CIRM)



Yuzo Toda
(FIRM)



Perry Karsen
(Celgene)



Yoshiaki Sawa
(Osaka U.)



Brock Reeve
(Harvard U.)

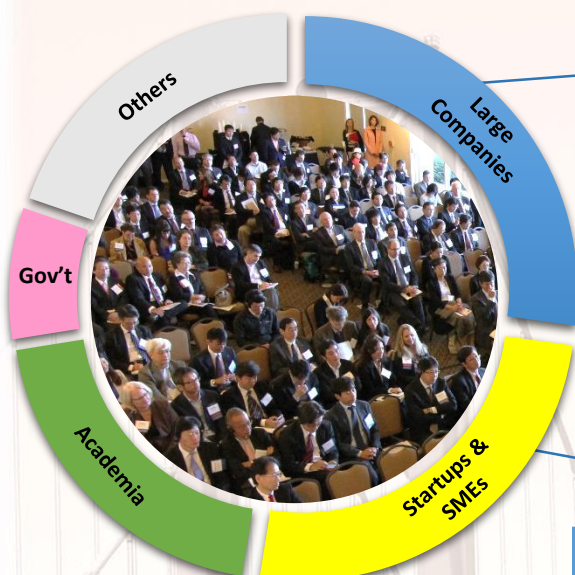


Seigo Izumo
(Takeda)



Amy DuRoss
(GE Ventures)

Attendee Background



50%+ Business, 20% Academic, 10% Government

Just over half of the participants represent businesses. Of the business participants, about 50% are from large or public corporations, and the other half from startups, small and medium companies.

90% Decision Makers

Out of the business participants, about 40% are key decision makers – chairpersons, presidents, board directors, CEOs or other C-level officers. Another 50% hold middle management positions.

1,000+ Since 2013

Since 2013, more than 1,000 people have attended WAFSF. Participants come from the United States, Japan, China, Korea, Canada, Israel, Sweden, and several other countries.

Governmental Agencies, Industry Groups, Media...

Regulatory, policy-making, and funding officials are in attendance as well as many industry and nonprofit groups such as ARM, FIRM, and JMA. WAFSF is covered by media outlets, including Cell Stem Cell, BioCentury, NHK, Forbes Japan, etc.

Details & Summary

Event	<u>2017 World Alliance Forum in San Francisco: “Healthcare Game Changers”</u>
Dates	Wednesday, November 29, 2017 & Thursday, November 30, 2017
Venue	Golden Gate Club, San Francisco, California, USA
Co-Organizers	Alliance Forum Foundation (Organization in Special Consultative Status with UN ECOSOC) Government of Japan
Objectives	<i>Support the commercialization and industrialization of technological innovations in healthcare by encouraging cross-industry, cross-boarder, cross-sector collaboration</i>
Fee	Early Bird Registration: \$600*, General Admission: \$900*

*Subject to change. Academic & Students discounts are available. Additional costs may apply.

Registration & Information

Please visit WAFSF website to see the latest news, updated agenda, supporters, and speaker biographies, and to register:

www.wafsf.org

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