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Biomed/Biotech Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting
(<http://www.asq509.org/ht/d/sp/i/31557/pid/31557>)

“Opportunities for Scientist-Entrepreneurs in Biotech Start-Ups”

To be presented by

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Wednesday, June 26, 2013

6:00 – 6:20 PM – Networking; Pizza/drink

6:20 – 8:45 PM – Program

8:45 – 8:00 PM – Door-prizes drawing; Networking

Online Registration site: <http://www.asq509.org/ht/d/DoSurvey/i/35817>

Open to Public –

\$5: non-ASQ members to cover pizza/drink cost;

Free: ASQ members, MJ-DC members, CAPA-DC members, ASCPT members, CCACC volunteers/employees, veterans, senior citizens, students, interns, residents, postdocs, FDA Commissioner’s Fellows, and current job-seekers

Location: Kelly’s Deli Conference Center, 7519 Standish Place, Rockville (Derwood, for GPS user), MD 20855

Registration Deadline: Please register by Wednesday noon, June 26, 2013.

Question: Please contact Dr. C.J. George Chang, Chair of Biomed/Biotech SIG, ASQ509; gchang2008@yahoo.com or 240-793-8425 (cell).

Driving directions: By Cars: From I-270 (N or S bound): Take Exit 9A and exit from the FIRST right exit; turn left (east) onto Shady Grove Dr.; turn right (south) onto Rockville Pike (**Route 355**); turn left (east) onto East Gude Dr.; turn left (north) immediately onto Crabb’s Branch Dr.; turn left (west) immediately onto Standish Place. The first building on your right side is 7519 Standish Place; open parking). The venue is on the first floor with its entrance opposite to the left side of building main entrance. **By Metro trains:** Off from Red Line **Shady Grove Station**, and take RideOn **Route 59 TOWARD ROCKVILLE** and get off from “**Calhoun Place**” stop. Standish Place is next to the Bus stop. Our venue is within 2 min of walking distance from the stop.

Summary:

At this event, we will cover 3 main subjects:

- The wide range of roles that scientists can play in biotech start-ups;
- The new business model for small semi-virtual biotech start-ups, even for Phase III clinical trials and international operations; and
- What it takes to get VC funding (the criteria VCs look for, and the VC decision-making process).

Presenters' Bio: Linda F. Power, JD

Ms. Linda F. Powers is a **co-founder** and **Managing Director** of Toucan Capital Corp., a \$140 million venture capital fund based in Bethesda, MD. She has been appointed to key technology and industry commissions by the Governors of two states. Over the past 7 years, Ms. Powers has become a recognized leader in the stem cell industry nationwide in the U.S, as well as in Europe, India and China, and she served as the **Chair** of Maryland's Stem Cell Commission (responsible for administering the state's stem cell research funding) for the first two years of the program. She has over 25 years of experience in venture capital, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and restructurings, and public-private partnerships. Ms. Powers holds a B.A. from Princeton University (Woodrow Wilson School/Economics), magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, and a J.D. degree, magna cum laude, from Harvard Law School.

Ms. Powers has served for several years on the **Technology Advisory Board** of the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, FL, the third largest cancer center in the U.S. by number of patients, and is a **Trustee** of the Trudeau Research Institute in NY, which is a leader in basic research on immunology. Her board service includes **directorships** of eight biotechnology companies, and various **public boards** including the Virginia Research and Technology Advisory Committee, the Advisory Board of the U.S. National Institutes of Standards and Technology's Advanced Technology Program, and the National Academy of Sciences steering committee evaluating Federal research grant programs. She previously served on the Maryland Governor's Commission on the Development of Advanced Technology Businesses, and Maryland's Enterprise Investment Fund (the state's investment fund).

For 6 years, Ms. Powers has taught a semester-long course on technology commercialization for scientists inside the National Institutes of Health. She also taught for 8 years as an **adjunct professor** at Georgetown Law School. From 1989 through 1993, Ms. Powers served as a **U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce**. In this position, she was a **co-lead negotiator** for the U.S. on the NAFTA Agreement with Canada and Mexico (financial sector agreement), and was involved in numerous other government-to-government negotiations for trade and market access agreements. She was also responsible for a number of small business and capital access programs. During the 1980s, Ms. Powers practiced law, specializing in mergers and acquisitions, corporate financings and intellectual property transactions.

This Biomed/Biotech SIG event is cosponsored by the Monte Jade Science and Technology Association of Greater Washington (www.MonteJadeDC.org) and the Chinese American Professionals Association of Metropolitan Washington DC (www.capadc.org).