

2018 LPA Centennial Annual Meeting to be held November 3-6 in Boca Raton, Florida

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The Laboratory Products Association (LPA) will hold its 2018 Centennial Annual Meeting on November 3-6 at the Boca Raton Resort & Beach Club in Boca Raton, Florida. Monday night's dinner will celebrate the LPA's centennial with VIP guests, live entertainment, a special program highlighting the LPA's history, and more.

This year, the LPA celebrates 100 years of *Supporting a Lifetime of Science*, with keynote speakers on the economy, trends and technology, tax reform, additive manufacturing, and a life spent in science. Members will also have the opportunity to participate in optional outings such as the annual golf tournament, a walking food tour of downtown Boca, and a private yacht excursion, which are great ways to get to know colleagues in a relaxed setting, as well as learn more about the area the meeting is held.

Opening keynoter, **Alex Chausovsky**, Market Researcher, Consultant, and Senior Analyst for ITR Economics, will present ITR's views of what to expect from the economy this year and beyond, covering such topics as industry and consumer trends, business to business activity, tax reform, trade, inflation, interest rates and more. Attendees will also learn about a method by which their company can take advantage of their own data and the economic environment. Using rate-of-change calculations, members will find out how to identify where they are in the business cycle and which key leading indicators should inform their business strategy to help them to make the right decisions at the right time.

Vito Di Bari, the world's premiere futurist, innovation strategist and inspirational keynote speaker, will present a highly informative keynote presentation, LPA members will leave with knowledge of emerging tech that will change the way their specific industry will work. Vito will provide forecasting of market evolution and success case histories, best practices, and techniques to win the business competition.

Closing keynoter, **Lucy Hawking**, a renowned science writer and educator, will discuss a life spent in science. Creator of the George Greenby books, a series of adventure stories which use dramatic storytelling to explain complex science to young audiences, Lucy has collaborated with several distinguished scientists, including her well-known father, the theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking.

Janne Kyttanen, an expert and pioneer in the field of 3D printing, will discuss the future of 3D printing for laboratory science. **Kathleen Erlich**, Director of R&D Tax Credits, will present on how tax reform is impacting the scientific industry. **Rob Smith**, of Venable LLC, will provide a legislative update.

The Laboratory Products Association (LPA) was founded in 1918 as the Scientific Apparatus Makers Association. Its member

companies are manufacturers and distributors of lab products and services such as glass and plasticware, chemicals, equipment and supplies used in scientific research and applied science and life science worldwide.