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## **AURP and BHI Announce Article in Journal of Commercial Biotechnology**

*AURP and BHI Report Centers on Critical Factors Cultivating BioHealth Communities of Innovation  
Nationally & Supported Growth of BioHealth Capital Region*

**Tucson, AZ; Rockville, MD; College Park, MD, April 21, 2021** – The Association of University Research Parks (AURP) and BioHealth Innovation (BHI) today announce publication of *Creating Communities of Life Science Innovation in the U.S.: History of Critical Factors That Helped the BioHealth Capital Region Emerge* in the *Journal of Commercial Biotechnology*, (Vol 26, No. 1, March 2021).

In this new article, AURP CEO Brian Darmody outlines the history of critical policy factors leading to the growth of the bio-economy in the U.S. BHI CEO and President Richard Bendis discusses specific leadership and other factors in the Capital Region of Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Policies and trends such as the Land Grant Act, Bayh-Dole Act, NIH's founding, growth of the venture financing industry, and the emergence of research parks and innovation districts and related factors also are discussed. National bio cluster rankings from JLL, CBRE, and GEN are included as well as overviews of Boston, New York, Philadelphia and DC/MD/VA life science regions from GEN.

The *Journal of Commercial Biotechnology* article is available to the public on the [AURP website](#), and [BHI website](#). The full journal *Building and Leveraging Ecosystems and Clusters*, edited by Arthur Boni and Moira Gunn, includes articles on NIH, bio clusters in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and California, among other topics and is available by subscription at <https://www.commercialbiotechnology.com/index.php/jcb/issue/view/77>.

AURP will virtually host its BIO Health Caucus, *Showcase of State Bio Economies*, June 8 from 1:00pm–4:00 pm ET, plus offer a BIO Health Caucus track at its 2021 International Conference, October 18-21 at Hilton Center City in Salt Lake City, hosted by University of Utah Research Park.

- The AURP BIO Health Caucus is co-chaired by Rich Bendis of BHI and Mark Romney of Aggie Square - UC Davis in Sacramento. Visit: <https://www.aurp.net/bio-health-caucus>
- BHI will be holding its Bio Health Capital Region Forum free of charge on Sept. 13-14 for two half-day virtual sessions. Register at <http://www.biohealthcapital.com/>

### **About AURP:**

AURP is a global nonprofit membership association celebrating 35 years of serving the university and institutional research park community, with a BIO Health Caucus made up of its members – building, managing, and expanding life science communities across the nation and around the world. [www.aurp.net](http://www.aurp.net)

### **About BHI:**

BHI is an innovation intermediary in the Bio Health Capital Region of DC/MD/Virginia with a mission to advance technologies, accelerate innovation and globally connect sectors, industries, and communities, headquartered in Rockville, Maryland.

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