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**SEBIO ANNOUNCES NINTH ANNUAL INVESTOR FORUM
*REGION'S PREMIER LIFE SCIENCES VENTURE CONFERENCE ATTRACTS
EMERGING COMPANIES AND INVESTORS***

Charlottesville, VA January 30, 2007 – Southeast BIO (SEBIO) today announced its 2007 SEBIO Investor Forum, set for November 7-8, 2007, at the Pinehurst Resort in Pinehurst, NC.

The three chairs of this year's event include Fred Hutchison, founding member of Hutchison Law Group PLLC; Garheng Kong, general partner, Intersouth Partners; and Cat Lineberry, co-founder and president, Lineberry Research Associates (now a part of Constella Group).

The annual conference, designed to stimulate venture investment in the region, offers an "early-stage" event focused on preparing newly emerging companies for raising venture capital and a "presenting companies" event which showcases a second group of young companies that have already completed one "round" of institutional financing.

The day and a half day event also explores research, market, and financing trends with nationally recognized leaders from the investment and biosciences industries.

Rebecca Kaufman, counsel with King & Spalding LLP and chair of SEBIO, stated, "We are pleased to be returning the conference to North Carolina once again and to have three enthusiastic and highly regarded chairs."

Additional information on the 2007 SEBIO Investor Forum - keynote speakers and companies selected - will be announced in the coming months. For details on sponsorship opportunities, contact SEBIO's Anne Wein at 434.293.5678 or awein@sebio.org.

About Southeast BIO

Southeast BIO (SEBIO) is a regional nonprofit organization that fosters the growth of the life sciences industry in the Southeastern U.S. through efforts that promote entrepreneurship and bring together companies, investors, universities, and support organizations active in the development of the industry. Today, the Southeast is recognized as one of the fastest growing life sciences regions in the U.S. and home to more than 220 life sciences companies. A public/private partnership formed in 1999, SEBIO is committed to conducting activities that create regional leverage and facilitate the common interests and goals of constituents in the life sciences industry. The geographic footprint of SEBIO presently includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. For more information on SEBIO, go to www.sebio.org.