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# Feeling good again

In a wrap-up statement of its *AusBiotech 2009* conference in Melbourne, **AusBiotech** chief executive officer **Dr Anna Lavelle** says the sector has survived the economic downturn and is emerging stronger than before.

1423 delegates from 30 countries were gathered, showcasing Australian R&D and encouraging investment in Australian biotechnology

“There has been a visible improvement in the state of the sector with a significant rise in both local and international funding of companies over the last three months, and a clear flow of capital back into the sector opening up a number of new opportunities for Australian biotechs,” Dr Lavelle says adding there was a strong sense at the conference that the recent good performance will be sustained over the coming year.

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