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Ausbiotech's 2009 conference begins on Tuesday October 27, 2009 and expects more than 1,000 delegates at its investment and development sessions in Melbourne. Ausbiotech said more than 1,300 delegates attended last year's conference resulting in 1,226 confirmed meetings through the business matching program. The industry organization said this year's conference will be preceded by the inaugural Australasian Life Sciences Investment Summit, an invitation-only, one-day event to give 40 Australian companies access to global life science investors. The Premier of Victoria John Brumby and the Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Trade Anthony Byrne are expected to formally open the Summit, which Ausbiotech said was "designed to support and stimulate investment in Australia's biotechnology research and development and has already secured the attendance of more than 90 local and international investors, representing 72 different companies". Ausbiotech said the conference program includes sessions human health, medical technology, agriculture, industrial and food as well as investment and business. Conference presentations include biopharmaceuticals; global regulatory challenges and opportunities; product development and regulatory aspects in the Asia-Pacific; and changing business models and new financial opportunities and health technologies. Speakers include Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation chief executive Dr Megan Clark; Taiwan's Industrial Technology Research Institute president Dr Johnsee Lee; the chief executive officer of Burrill & Co's Malaysian Life Sciences Fund Dr Ganesh Kishore and the managing director of 5am Ventures Dr John Diekman. The conference will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition, Clarendon Street, South Melbourne.