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## *Panel Discussion: A Unique Collaborative Ecosystem Designed to Deliver Personalized Medicine*

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The New York Genome Center (NYGC), hosted a panel at the [New York Biotechnology Association](#)'s 21st annual meeting. The panel, entitled "A Unique Collaborative Ecosystem Designed to Deliver Personalized Medicine" featured the following speakers, each of whom represents one of NYGC's Institutional Founding Members (IFMs):

Herb Pardes, MD

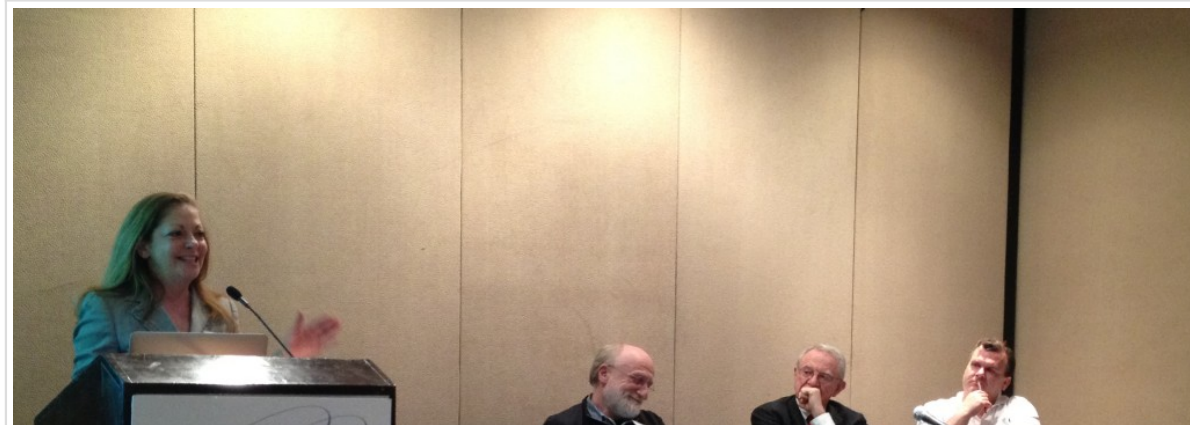
*Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees, New York Genome Center*  
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Chris Sander, PhD

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Eric Schadt, PhD

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The panel allowed a lively and informative dialogue about the New York Genome Center's model, whose display of collaboration lines up with the NYBA meeting's theme of "Emergence."

Ms. Kelley kicked off the panel by introducing the speakers and giving an overview of the New York Genome Center. Each with a different scientific specialty, the three panelists each spoke of the importance of their own efforts and the efforts of their institutions in furthering genomics' development. They also highlighted why collaborating with each other—as well as with additional academic, technological, and pharmaceutical organizations—will benefit New York and the world at large.

Dr. Pardes started by discussing how New York-Presbyterian Hospital and the other NYGC member institutions would benefit from the Center's presence. By collaborating instead of competing, the institutions will find that scientific discovery will go further, faster. He stated that linking scientific discovery with clinical care is an important competitive advantage for NYGC and its member institutions—and that clinicians and patients of this collaboration will ultimately benefit.

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Dr. Eric Schadt

Dr. Schadt focused on how technologies are driving the current era of large data, which is changing the way we both view and treat disease. NYGC will have access to the latest technological advancements, which will in turn provide the best and newest equipment and technologies to New York and beyond.

Dr. Sander presented on the growing impact of whole genome sequencing on translational research and clinical care, and he also shared his vision for how sequencing will transform the practice of medicine in the future.

With the explosion of scientific developments in the sphere of genomics, NYGC and its IFMs are poised to create a unique model for scientific collaboration that will help New York emerge as a location leader in biotechnology and, more specifically, genomics, which is becoming one of the fastest growing and most exciting areas in medical research and technology.

You can see a few of the presentations here:

[Introduction by Nancy J. Kelley, JD, MPP](#)

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### *About the New York Genome Center*

*The New York Genome Center (NYGC) is an independent, non-profit organization that leverages the collaborative resources of leading academic medical centers, research universities, and commercial organizations. Its vision is to transform medical research and clinical care in New York and beyond through the creation of what will be one of the largest genomics and bioinformatics facilities in North America.*

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