

## FEATURE

# Pittcon 2023: Philadelphia hosted the first in-person Pittcon post-COVID-19 pandemic

After a three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Pittcon was held in Philadelphia March 18-22, 2023 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Pittcon is a dynamic, transnational conference and exposition on laboratory science, a venue for presenting the latest advances in analytical research and scientific instrumentation, and a platform for continuing education and science-enhancing opportunity.



Pittcon is an event that has been going on for over 70 years. Photo: Pittcon

Pittcon is aimed at a wide range of people, from those who develop, buy and sell laboratory equipment to those who perform chemical and physical analysis, develop methods or manage scientists. No matter what your career position is, there is something for everyone.

Pittcon 2023 promoted scientific accomplishments by showcasing knowledge that will impact, enrich, and inspire the future of science. The event also offered many employment and networking opportunities, and social events for scientists to enjoy.

The mission of the Pittsburgh Conference is advancing and enriching scientific endeavor by connecting scientists worldwide, facilitating the exchange of research and ideas, showcasing the latest in laboratory innovation, and funding science education and outreach.

Joanna Aizenberg of Harvard University delivered the 2023 Wallace H. Coulter Lecture at Pittcon Conference. Dr. Aizenberg is a pioneer in the rapidly developing field of bio-inspired materials science and engineering. The title of her talk was “Venturing into Analytical Chemistry Using Photonic Crystals”.

The Pittcon 2023 conference was organized in eight different tracks: Bioanalytics and Life Sciences; Cannabis and Psychedelics; Energy and Environmental; Food Science and Agriculture; Forensics and Toxicology; Industry and Manufacturing; Nanotechnology and Materials Science; and Pharmaceutical.

The event also provided visitors with an exhibition with over 400 vendors. Visitors were given the opportunity to wander through a labyrinth of technical wonders and demonstrations, where highly specialized experts could answer questions about which tool is best to achieve impactful research or how certain laboratory equipment works.



Pittcon Exposition. Photo: Pittcon

Pittcon also had over 60 short courses that attendees could join for an extra fee. These short courses were divided into the same eight tracks as the rest of the conference. Additionally, there was the very popular Professional Skills Building track of courses that can help develop foundational knowledge that will be useful for decades to come.

Pittcon has a major philanthropic side: proceeds from every Pittcon conference help fund science education and outreach e divulgação científica.

In fact, over 90 percent of Pittcon’s net profit goes toward funding primary and secondary education, continuing education, scholarships, grants, laboratory improvements, and outreach activities.

The next Pittcon already has a date and venue: February 2024 in San Diego, California.

Find out more at: <https://pittcon.org/>

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