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**The Joseph Priestley Society and  
the University City Science Center  
present  
“The Incubation of Science Based Start-Up Companies”  
Thursday, 11 February**

- WHEN:** Thursday, 11 February 2010, 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Chemical Heritage Foundation, 315 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia
- ADMISSION:** \$25. Advance registration is required.  
Visit [www.chemheritage.org/events](http://www.chemheritage.org/events) to register.

PHILADELPHIA, PA — 19 January 2010— The Joseph Priestley Society of the Chemical Heritage Foundation, in conjunction with the University City Science Center, will present the symposium “The Incubation of Science Based Start-Up Companies” on 11 February 2010.

Representatives from several resident companies of the University City Science Center will form the symposium’s panel: **Han Cao**, founder and chief scientific officer, BioNanomatrix; **Benjamin Pascal**, president and CEO, Invisible Sentinel; and **Susan Guenther**, general manager, GADORE Center USA. **Christopher Laing**, director of science and technology, University City Science Center, will act as moderator. **Stephen S. Tang**, president and CEO, University City Science Center, will deliver a keynote address entitled “Opportunities at the Intersection of Innovation and Economic Development.”

The symposium will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a networking reception at 11:30 am. Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m., and Stephen S. Tang will take the podium at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

**About the Joseph Priestley Society**

The Joseph Priestley Society (JPS) promotes a deeper understanding of scientific, technological, and industry developments, with a special orientation to innovation and entrepreneurship.

Members are seasoned professionals from a wide variety of large and small chemical companies and from the financial, consulting, and academic communities.

JPS meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month from September through May at the Chemical Heritage Foundation. Reduced-rate parking (based on availability) has been arranged at the Bourse Garage on 4th Street between Market and Chestnut streets.

### **About the Chemical Heritage Foundation**

The Chemical Heritage Foundation (CHF) fosters an understanding of chemistry's impact on society. An independent nonprofit organization, we strive to inspire a passion for chemistry; highlight chemistry's role in meeting current social challenges; and preserve the story of chemistry across centuries.

CHF maintains major collections of instruments, fine art, photographs, papers, and books. We host conferences and lectures, support research, offer fellowships, and produce educational materials. Our museum and public programs explore subjects ranging from alchemy to nanotechnology. For more information, please visit [www.chemheritage.org](http://www.chemheritage.org).

### **About the University City Science Center**

The University City Science Center accelerates technology commercialization, regional economic development, and the market availability of life-enhancing scientific breakthroughs by bringing together innovations, scientists, entrepreneurs, funding, laboratory facilities, and business services.

Established in 1963 and headquartered in Philadelphia, the Science Center was the first, and remains the largest, urban research park in the United States. Graduate organizations and current residents of the University City Science Center's Port business incubators have created more than 15,000 jobs that remain in the Greater Philadelphia region today and contribute more than \$9 billion to the regional economy annually.

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