2026 FALL SENIOR EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE

AI-DRIVEN DISCOVERY & INNOVATION

OCTOBER 11–13, 2026

Half Moon Bay, CA

The Ritz-Carlton Half Moon Bay

Use this document for times, room locations, important notes, and an outline of the conference program. Please see full speaker and session details on the program page.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

All times are PT.

4–6 PM

Registration | *Pre-Function B*
Pick up your badge here!

5:30–6 PM

New Member Reception | *Pre-Function B & Ballroom Terrace*
ALDA new member companies & ALDA Board members.

6–7 PM

Welcome Reception | *Pre-Function B & Ballroom Terrace*
All attendees are welcome.

7–9:15 PM

Seated Dinner & Fireside Chat | *The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom*
Nikki Haley, former US Ambassador to the United Nations and Governor of South Carolina. View more speaker and session details here.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

AI-Driven Discovery & Innovation program begins. All sessions take place in the *Ritz-Carlton Ballroom*. View more details on speakers and content here.

7:30 AM–4:30 PM

Registration | *Pre-Function B*

7:30–9 AM

Breakfast Buffet | *Pre-Function B & Ballroom Terrace*

9–10:15 AM

Welcome followed by **Eric Kauderer-Abrams**, Anthropic.
Frontier AI and the Next Demand Curve for Life Science Tools.

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10:15–11 AM
Break

11 AM–12 PM
Ali Madani, PhD, Profluent, and **James Love, PhD**, Lila Sciences. *From Hypothesis to Experiment: AI's New Discovery Loop*.

12–1:30 PM
Lunch | *Pre-Function B & Ballroom Terrace*

1:30–2 PM
Annual Business Meeting

2–3 PM
Slavé Petrovski, PhD, AstraZeneca, and **Hana El-Samad, PhD**, Altos Labs. *From Biological Data to Discovery: How AI Is Reshaping Disease Understanding and Drug Development*.

3–3:15 PM
Break

3:15–4:15 PM
Stacie Calad-Thomson, PhD, NVIDIA. *The AI-Native Laboratory: Agents, Automation, Robotics, and Digital Twins*.

4:15 PM
End of Monday programming.

5:30–7 PM
Reception | *Ocean Lawn*

Enjoy jazz, drinks, and hors d'oeuvres on the hotel's scenic Ocean Lawn. Bring a jacket.

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7–9 PM

Seated Buffet Dinner | *Navio Restaurant*

Navio is located on the Lobby Level, which is just a few steps from the Meeting Level.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

7–8 AM

Breakfast Buffet | *Pre-Function B2*

8–9:15 AM

Keynote Session | *Salon I & II*

Eric Topol, MD, EVP, Scripps Research; Founder and Director, Scripps Research Translational Institute; Chair, Department of Translational Medicine. *AI and the Future of Discovery*.

9:15 AM

End of Conference. Safe travels!

We hope to see you again at our upcoming Senior Executive Conferences.