

## Synthesizing life means faster cures, biologist says

A leader in the field of synthetic biology, J. Craig Venter considers himself an optimist, but he can see the halfway point on the glass that's not full.

Venter, a perennial candidate for the Nobel Prize, talked about investment into scientific research during The Atlantic Meets the Pacific forum in La Jolla, Calif., Monday. The event looks at the intersection of technology and ideas with society and human use.

"You can't be a successful researcher and not be an optimist," he said. "If you talk yourself out of doing the experiment, you'll never get any research done."

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