

**Neuroscience careers in government and industry**  
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**Speaker Biography: John E. Abele**

John is the retired Founding Chairman of Boston Scientific Corporation and an early pioneer in the then (1970s) counter-intuitive concept of less invasive surgery. He holds numerous patents and has published and lectured extensively on the many different disruptive technologies of various medical devices and on the technical, educational, social, economic, and political factors influencing their acceptance into global clinical practice. His major interests include science literacy for children, education, and the process by which new technology is invented, developed, and introduced to society.

He is a Fellow in both the Society of Interventional Radiology and the American Institute for Medical and Biomedical Engineering, and received honorary Doctoral degrees from Northeastern University, Wentworth Institute of Technology and Amherst College. Other awards include Gold Medal Awards from the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Society of Interventional Radiology, the Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe, the 2007 Pioneer in Endoscopy Award from the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, the Distinguished Career Award in 2006 from the International Symposium on Endovascular Therapy, the 2003 BMES Distinguished Lecture Award presented by the Biomedical Engineering Society. He is Founding Chairman of the Argosy Foundation.

From 2002 to 2010, he served as Chairman of the FIRST Foundation ([www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org)), which runs a range of robotics competitions from grade to high school, for kids to make being science-literate cool and fun. He continues to serve as Vice-Chairman.

John is the owner and developer of the Kingbridge Centre and Institute, a conferencing institution whose mission is to research, develop, and teach improved methods for interactive conferencing: problem solving, conflict resolution, strategic planning, new methods for learning and generally help groups to become “collectively intelligent.” ([www.kingbridgecentre.com](http://www.kingbridgecentre.com))

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