

## Dates to Remember

### **2008 National Angel Summit (NAO)**

*October 15 - 17th, 2008*

Halifax, NS

[www.angelinvestor.ca](http://www.angelinvestor.ca)

### **Harvest GALA**

*October 17, 2008*

Round-Up Centre

Calgary, AB

[www.growingalberta.com](http://www.growingalberta.com)

### **Lead The Farm 2008 Conference**

*October 18, 2008*

Red Deer Lodge

Red Deer, AB

<http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca>

### **Astech Awards GALA**

*October 24th, 2008*

Edmonton, AB

[www.astech.ab.ca](http://www.astech.ab.ca)

### **North American VC Summit**

*October 27 & 28th, 2008*

Quebec City, QC

[www.navcs.com](http://www.navcs.com)

### **Farmfair International**

*October 31 - November 8th, 2008*

NorthLands

Edmonton, AB

[www.farmfairinternational.com](http://www.farmfairinternational.com)

## Recent News

### **AVAC's 10th Annual General Meeting "Celebrating 10 Years of Investment in Innovation"**

AVAC Ltd. held its 10th Annual General Meeting: "Celebrating 10 Years of Investment in Innovation" on Sept. 25th to mark our tenth anniversary and over \$100 million in funding for early stage Alberta value-added companies. In concert with our 10th Annual General Meeting, AVAC held an "Insight on Innovation" event offering insight from renowned Canadian experts on innovation and entrepreneurship featuring presentations by: Michael Raymont, former President, and Vice-President, Technology and Industry Support, National Research Council and current AVAC Director on the topic of "Energy, Environment and Innovation -- An Alberta Perspective"; Jack Mintz, Palmer Chair in Public Policy, University of Calgary on "Public Policy and Venture Capital: What Works Best to Nurture Innovation", and; Richard Bartrem, Vice-President, WestJet on "The 5 Secrets to WestJet's Success". The event was opened with a welcome address from Bob Splane, AVAC Chair followed by a presentation of AVAC accomplishments and a outline of the days program from Ross Bricker, President and CEO and messages from Alberta Advanced Education & Technology and Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development. Attendees also had the opportunity to meet and interact with a number of AVAC clients who participated in the trade show including Aksys Networks, BioNeutra, Botaneco Specialty Ingredients Inc., Business Infusions, Cadillac Coatings Canada Inc., duJour Bakery Inc., The Growing Power Group, IntelliView, Kinnikinnick Foods Inc., SciMed Technologies Inc., SemBioSys Genetics Inc., Soil Less Growing Systems Inc., and Useful among others. For a complete listing of trade show participants please go to the link below. AVAC would like to thank the attendees for helping to make the event the success that it was and its members and clients for the support and inspiration they have provided over the last 10 years.

<http://www.avacltd.com/AlbertaCompanies.aspx>

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**ICE Technology Conference**  
November 3 - 5th, 2008  
Shaw Conference Centre  
Edmonton, AB  
<http://iceconference.com/>

**Agri-Trade International Expo**  
November 5 - 8th, 2008  
Westerner Park  
Red Deer, AB  
[www.agri-trade.com/index.asp](http://www.agri-trade.com/index.asp)

**Web 2.0 Summit**  
November 5 - 7th, 2008  
San Francisco, CA  
<http://en.oreilly.com/web2008>

**Biofibe 08 - Conference and Exhibition**  
November 12 - 14th, 2008  
Winnipeg, MB  
<http://www.biofibe.com>

**Greenbuild International Conference and Expo**  
November 19 - 21st, 2008  
Boston, MA  
<http://www.greenbuildexpo.org>

**Green Industry Show and Conference**  
November 20 & 21st, 2008  
Shaw Conference Centre  
Edmonton, AB  
[www.greenindustryshow.com/](http://www.greenindustryshow.com/)

**Canadian Western Agribition**  
November 24 - 29th, 2008  
Regina, SK  
[www.agribition.com](http://www.agribition.com)

**BioAlberta AGM & GALA**  
November 25th, 2008  
Hotel Arts  
Calgary, AB  
[www.bioalberta.com](http://www.bioalberta.com)

## UofA's 2008 iGEM team promotes AVAC-supported Bio-Butanol R&D project

Through AVAC's investment in the UofA/Dr. Michael Ellison R&D project, 'Using synthetic biology for butanol biofuel production', AVAC is recognized as a supporter of the 2008 International Genetically Engineered Machines (iGEM) team that will compete with other international teams at MIT on November 8-9th. \$500 from the project will go towards buying a couple more genes in the butanol pathway at special iGEM prices.

[http://2008.igem.org/Team:The\\_University\\_of\\_Alberta](http://2008.igem.org/Team:The_University_of_Alberta)

## DataGardens: One of Canada's top 10 start-ups

AVAC investee DataGardens was selected as one of Canada's top 10 Information Technology start-up companies. The company was chosen by a distinguished group of venture capital investors based on DataGardens appeal as an exceptional Canadian investment opportunity. Organized by the city of Ottawa's economic development corporation OCRI (Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation), winners will gather on October 7th at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa to hone their presentation skills, meet local and regional investors, and prepare themselves for the first leg of the 2009 Investment Forum series which for some begins with an appearance at the Ottawa Venture and Technology Summit on October 8th([www.ottawavts.com](http://www.ottawavts.com)). In March, 2008 AVAC committed an investment of \$1 Million into DataGardens.