

Dates to Remember

TechCrunch50

September 8-10th, 2008

San Francisco Design Centre

San Francisco, CA

<http://www.techcrunch50.com/2008>

Afternoon Food for Thought

September 10, 2008

Sherwood Park, AB

www.growingalberta.com

The Pacific Rim Summit on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioenergy

September 10-12th, 2008

Vancouver, BC

www.bio.org/ind/pacrim/08/

Festival of Fine Chefs

September 17th, 2008

Shaw Conference Centre

Edmonton, AB

www.afpa.com/pro/feast.shtml

AVAC Ltd. AGM

September 25th, 2008

Calgary, AB

Recent News

Join us at our Annual Meeting: “Celebrating 10 Years of Investment in Innovation”

After ten years and over \$100 million in funding for early stage Alberta value-added companies, our 10th Annual General Meeting is all about you... On September 25 we will be “Celebrating 10 Years of Investment in Innovation”. Join many of Alberta’s best business entrepreneurs to experience three can’t miss presentations from Jack Mintz, UofC School of Policy Studies; Michael Raymont, former President and Vice-President of National Research Council (NRC); and, Richard Bartrem, Vice-President of WestJet. Ten innovative Alberta companies supported by AVAC will be onhand to discuss their inspiring achievements.

Come to our AGM. You’ll leave with fresh insight and a new perspective on how you can unleash your own innovation. For more information and to be kept up to date with further details, visit our website <http://www.avacltd.com/agm.aspx>

Sustainable Development Technology Canada Announces Latest Call for Clean Technology Funding Applications

Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC, www.sdtc.ca), the largest single funder of clean technology in Canada, announced on September 3rd that the \$550M SD Tech Fund™ is open for Statements of Interest (SOI) for its fourteenth round of funding until October 22, 2008.

SDTC is a not-for-profit corporation created by the Government of Canada to finance and support the late-stage development and pre-commercial demonstration of clean technologies. SDTC provides seed-stage funding to clean technology projects at this critical juncture when capital and scaling costs become formidable challenges and the risk

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Banff Venture Forum 2008

October 2-3rd, 2008

Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

Banff, AB

www.banffventureforum.com

Harvest GALA

October 17, 2008

Round-Up Centre

Calgary, AB

www.growingalberta.com

Astech Awards Gala

October 24th, 2008

Edmonton, AB

www.astech.ab.ca

ICE Technology Conference

November 3-5th, 2008

Shaw Conference Centre

Edmonton, AB

<http://iceconference.com/>

Web 2.0 Summit

November 5-7th, 2008

San Francisco, CA

<http://en.oreilly.com/web2008>

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Innovotech Receives Funding to Develop “Green” Disinfectants

Innovotech (CDNX:IOT.V - News, September 3rd) has received a \$474,786 contract over two years from the Advancing Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food (ACAAF) program of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. The program is administered in Alberta through the Agriculture & Food Council. The contract will evaluate and potentially commercialize a group of naturally occurring agents for the sanitation of foods and food preparation surfaces. Innovotech has developed and patented these agents derived from natural plant pigments that are currently registered in Canada as food dyes. The combination of these pigments with certain light sources and oxygen kills microorganisms. “This novel approach to sanitation can extend the shelf life of food products and reduce food contamination, which is of benefit to both producers and consumers.” says Dr. Merle Olson, Innovotech’s Research Directo

National Biotechnology Week, September 18-26: Living Solutions Inspiring Success

Plan to celebrate the imagination and innovation of Canadian biotechnology. Throughout the week of September 19-26, events will be taking place across the country highlighting Canadian excellence and industry success stories. BioAlberta is promoting this special week by hosting a number of events

Monday, September 22, 12:00 – 12:50. “Learn about the Biotechnology sector and its exciting career opportunities!” Student Pizza Lunch and Information Session. Location: Room B2-1 Computing Science Center, U of Alberta Campus, Edmonton.

Tuesday, September 23, 16:30 – 18:30. National Biotech Week Celebration & Networking. Location: Teatro Restaurant, Calgary.

Wednesday, September 24, 13:30 – 15:30. “Biotech Made Simple”. A unique opportunity to learn the BIO-BASICS – The science made simple; BIO-IMPACT – The new trends and innovations; BIO-OPPORTUNITY – The economic promise; Education Session brought to you by BioAlberta in partnership with Amgen Canada Inc. Location: Royal Glenora Club,

Edmonton.

Thursday, September 25, 16:30 – 18:30. National Biotech Week Celebration & Networking. Location: Copper Pot Restaurant, Edmonton.

NovaNAIT Hires New Director

novaNAIT is an exciting new concept for the Innovation of Technology Transfer Centre at NAIT. The novaNAIT Institute for Applied Research will be a world class facility to accommodate: applied research and innovation in advanced manufacturing design technology; applied health sciences; biotechnology & life sciences; renewable energy & the environment; information & communications technology; sustainable infrastructure technology; and business enterprise. This purpose-built centre will offer a supportive environment and incubation facilities to assist innovators and entrepreneurs in taking their ideas from proof of principle to full commercial success. novaNAIT will promote innovation and technology transfer through support for entrepreneurs, NAIT spin-off companies and other knowledge-based ventures.

After two years as an Investment Manager at AVAC, Stuart Cullum will become the Director of novaNAIT. He will be responsible for providing leadership to the applied research function across the Institute.

AVAC congratulates Stuart in his new position at novaNAIT, and looks forward to identifying and strengthening value-add early stage commercial opportunities with novaNAIT.

