

Dates to Remember

Westlink Annual Conference

June 16-18th, 2008

Eau Claire Sheraton, Calgary, AB

www.westlink.ca/annualconference/2008/

Alberta Food Processors Association AGM & Industry Builders Award

June 17th, 2008

Edmonton, AB

www.afpa.com

Bio International Convention

June 17-20th, 2008

San Diego, CA

www.bio2008.org

IFT Annual Meeting & Food Expo

June 28-July 1st, 2008

New Orleans, LA

www.am-fe.ift.org/cms/

Flaxbast Conference 2008

July 21-23rd, 2008

Saskatoon, SK

www.flaxbast2008.com

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Recent News

New Funding for the IVAC Capacity Builder Investment Program

As part of Alberta's recently announced action plan, Bringing Technology to Market, an additional \$30 Million has been earmarked to enhance the IVAC Capacity Builder Investment Program for pre-commercial and seed stage technology companies. This initiative forms a key aspect of the Action Plan which is targeted at increasing the number of new companies in Alberta's emerging advanced technology sectors. The overall \$178-million Bringing Technology to Market action plan identifies a range of coordinated actions directed to strengthening the technology commercialization space in Alberta's priority technology areas of clean energy, life sciences, information and communications technology, and nanotechnology.

"This generation of Albertans has a unique opportunity to build for tomorrow, and an important part of that must be ensuring that ideas and innovations developed in our province are commercialized in our province," said Premier Ed Stelmach. "For the next generation economy, we're tapping into the resource that never depletes - knowledge. Our broad range of actions will ensure Alberta is well situated in the global knowledge-based economy and will create opportunities for generations to come."

Doug Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology added, "We're building on our success to create an environment where technopreneurs thrive and new companies grow quickly, producing technologies and products that are successful in global markets. This plan focuses on the right mix of environment, support mechanisms and

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Banff Conference on Plant Metabolism

July 30-August 3rd, 2008

Banff, AB

www.ucalgary.ca/plantmetabolism

Food Expo 2008

August 14-18th, 2008

Hong Kong

www.hkfoodexpo.com

AVAC Annual General Meeting

Celebrating 10 years of Investment and Innovation

September 23 & 24th, 2008

Calgary, AB

ABIC 2008

August 24-27th, 2008

Cork, Ireland

www.abic.ca/abic2008/index.html

Banff Venture Forum 2008

October 2 & 3rd, 2008

Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

Banff, AB

www.banffventureforum.com

Astech Awards Gala

October 24, 2008

Edmonton, AB

www.astech.ab.ca

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incentives for our high-tech entrepreneurs to break through in global markets with the next big idea.”

The three-year action plan builds on Alberta’s base of world-class research excellence, abundant natural and human resources, and technology commercialization agencies and programs to create a dynamic culture that attracts global business and venture capital expertise to Alberta. The plan combines recommendations from the Value-Added and Technology Commercialization Task Force report as well as other reports and strategies.

In addition to the top-up of the IVAC Capacity Builder Investment Program, planned actions include implementation of a provincial science and research experimental development tax credit, establishment of a \$100 million Alberta Enterprise Fund to attract and strengthen venture capital investments in Alberta, strengthened access to regional business services, the introduction of new technology development advisors, implementation of innovation vouchers to assist companies in accessing technology development services, enhancements to product development centres, the creation of a demonstration fund for testing new products, and initiation of a youth technopreneurship project.

SemiBioSys Genetics Inc. Achieves Important Milestone in Development of Next Generation

SemBioSys, a biotechnology company dedicated to developing a portfolio of therapeutic proteins for metabolic and cardiovascular diseases, today announced that it has demonstrated that its safflower-produced Apo AI(Milano) increased cholesterol mobilization substantially in mice which, in conjunction with analytical and in vitro assays, indicates that safflower Apo AI(Milano) is physiologically and pharmaceutically comparable to microbially-produced Apo AI. In human trials, microbially-produced Apo

AI(Milano) has been demonstrated to remove plaque from arteries (plaque regression), and holds potential for addressing one of the greatest unmet medical needs today - the reversal of atherosclerosis

Big Land Gift to the U of A

As a gift for its centennial anniversary, the University of Alberta has been handed nearly 320 hectares of prime farmland north of St. Albert that will serve as a new hub of agricultural research. The Bocock family of Sturgeon County sold five quarter-sections of property to the university at a fraction of its assessed value, providing the school with a massive facility close to Edmonton it could not have afforded on its own. It's the largest gift of research land ever made to a Canadian university, U of A president Indira Samarasekera said Wednesday. "This is a truly transformative moment in the history of the university," she told a gathering of dignitaries and agricultural leaders assembled on the Bocock farm three kilometres north of St. Albert. "It gives us the means to secure agricultural and environmental research in Alberta for years to come."