

## Dates to Remember

### **AVAC Member's Dinner**

*Jan 30, 2008*

Executive Inn  
Leduc, Alberta

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

### **Farm Tech 2008: Global Perspectives...Local Knowledge**

*Jan 30 to Feb 1st, 2008*

Mayfield Inn & Suites  
Edmonton, Alberta

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

### **Biopartnering North America 2008**

*February 3-5th, 2008*

Westin Bayshore Resort  
Vancouver, B.C.

<http://www.techvision.com/bpn/registration>

### **CAFA Agricultural Change & Opportunity**

*Feb 6th, 2008*

Red Deer, Alberta

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

## Recent News

### **Burt's Bees Launches New Products Containing Botaneco's Hydresia(TM) Ingredient**

Botaneco, a business unit of SemBioSys Genetics Inc. (TSX:SBS), and AVAC investee have announced that Burt's Bees, the largest natural personal care company in North America, is using Botaneco's Hydresia(TM) ingredient in two body washes and a hand soap that were launched by Burt's Bees across the United States earlier this month. By using the Hydresia(TM) ingredient, Burt's Bees' new natural products offer consumers superior hydration, skin conditioning and moisturization when compared to marketed synthetic counterparts.

"Burt's Bees is a leader in the field of natural personal care products, and their launch of three new products containing the Hydresia(TM) base emulsion validates confidence in the benefits that Botaneco products bring to the personal care industry," says Andrew Baum, President and CEO of Botaneco parent company SemBioSys. "The superior hydration, moisturization and emulsifying benefits of Botaneco's Hydresia(TM) ingredient infused in our new body and hand washes have enabled us to develop a set of superior cleansers," said Camey Reid, Senior Brand Manager at Burt's Bees. "The fact that the Hydresia(TM) ingredient is derived from an all natural ingredient with proven and validated performance benefits allows us to continue our brand commitment of delivering the highest quality natural products to our consumers."

[Cont. on Page 2](#)

**Nutri-Net Canada Forum**

*Feb 18 & 19th, 2008*

Delta Hotel

Quebec City, PQ

[isa@intersectalliance.ca](mailto:isa@intersectalliance.ca)

**Globe 2008**

*March 12-14th, 2008*

Vancouver, B.C.

[www.globe2008.ca](http://www.globe2008.ca)

**Canadian Health Food Association Expo West 2008**

*April 3 - 6, 2008*

Vancouver, B.C.

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

**Fifth Annual World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology & Bioprocessing**

*April 27-30th, 2008*

Chicago, Illinois

[www.bio.org](http://www.bio.org)

**AFMNET'S Fourth Annual Scientific Conference**

*May 31 - June 1, 2008*

Vancouver, B.C.

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

**Bio International Convention**

*June 17 - 20, 2008*

San Diego, California

[www.bio2008.org](http://www.bio2008.org)

**Ceapro Expands Certified-Organic Line Worldwide Signing Three Specialist Distributors**

Ceapro Inc. has signed a marketing partnership and distribution agreement with French firm, Laserson S.A., for a range of seven new organic products. Founded in 1933, Laserson distributes and develops ingredients for the health and beauty industries, from facilities on the outskirts of Paris. Laserson will act as the French distributor of Ceapro's organic active ingredients into four sectors: Cosmetics, Pharmacy, Food products, and Industry. Building on the agreement with Laserson S.A. in France, Ceapro Inc. has also signed two US distribution agreements for its certified-organic™ lines, with KAH Specialty Products of New Jersey and Harris & Ford in the Midwest. Both are specialists in the growing organic natural ingredients sector.

**Former AVAC Board Member appointed Deputy Minister of Agriculture in Saskatchewan**

Alana Koch, former AVAC Board Member has been recently appointed Deputy Minister of Agriculture in Saskatchewan. Koch served as a former Director of Agricore United and served 8 years as the Executive Director of the Western Canadian Wheatgrowers Association. For the past two years, she has been the Vice-President, and then the President of the Canadian Agri-Food Trade Alliance. She and her family own and operate a grain farm at Edenwold, SK.

**AFMNet Call for Nominations - Board of Directors**

The Advanced Foods and Materials Network is seeking nominations for exceptional individuals interested in joining its Board of Directors.

Five positions will be available come May 2008. An election for Board Chair will also be held in 2008.

The Board of Directors helps shape policy and is responsible for the

governance and management of the Network in accordance with the Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) program guidelines. They meet approximately five times per year; a minimum of two meetings are held in-person with the remainder of the meetings held via teleconference.

Membership terms are three years in length.

If you would like to recommend an outstanding candidate, please forward nominations by February 22, 2008. Elected candidates will be notified by late March 2008.

**Please submit the following information:**

1. Email to [paul.truscott@afmnet.ca](mailto:paul.truscott@afmnet.ca) subject line: AFMNet Board Election Nomination 2008
2. A short biography (or c.v.) of the nominee
3. A cover letter indicating the particular skills the candidate will bring to the Board.
4. Complete contact information of the nominee

## **Innovotech Announces Completion of Private Placement**

Innovotech Inc. (“Innovotech”)(TSX VENTURE:IOT) is pleased to announce that it has received TSX Venture Exchange (“Exchange”) final acceptance for a private placement (the “Private Placement”) of 3,000,000 units (“Units”) at a price of \$0.60 per Unit for gross proceeds of approximately \$1,800,000 as previously announced on December 6, 2007. More information can be found at [www.innovotech.ca](http://www.innovotech.ca).