

## Dates to Remember

Agricultural Institute of Canada  
Making Choices: Consumers  
and Their Impact on Canadian  
Agriculture and Food

Crown Plaza – Chateau Lacombe  
Edmonton, Alberta ..... **Oct 14-17**

Specified Risk Material:  
Regulation and Disposal. A  
Workshop Sponsored by the  
Alberta Prion Research Institute

Fairmont Palliser, Calgary, Alberta  
..... **Tues Nov 20, 07**

InnoWest 2007, the Western  
Canadian Innovation Conference

Carriage House Inn – Calgary,  
Alberta ..... **Nov 14, 07**

BioAlberta 8th Annual AGM and  
Awards Gala

Winspear Centre, Edmonton, Alberta  
..... **Nov 28, 07**

International Photonics, Food, &  
Agriculture Conference

Canandaigua, New York, USA  
..... **Nov 16, 07**

## Recent News

### SemBioSys Announces Stock Issuing

The Company announced that it has entered an agreement to issue 2,500,000 units of the Company (“Units”) at price of \$2.60 per Unit, on a bought deal private placement basis, to a syndicate of underwriters led by Acumen Capital Finance Partners Limited for total gross proceeds to the Company of \$6,500,000. SemBioSys also announced that it has agreed to increase the underwriters’ option to acquire additional Units from 375,000 Units to 1,180,000 Units on the same terms as previously announced, at a price of \$2.60 per Unit. If the underwriters exercise the option to acquire additional Units in full, the size of the offering will be increased from 2,500,000 Units to 3,680,000 Units and the total gross proceeds to the Company will be increased from \$6,500,000 to \$9,568,000.

### Harvest GALA 2007

The Growing Alberta Leadership Award (GALA) winners were announced at the 10th Anniversary Harvest GALA held at Northlands Agricom on October 26, 2007. Congratulations to: Edmonton Northlands, recipient of the award for Youth Leadership; Mary Bailey with the “City Palate” magazine for Community Spirit; Champion Pet Foods for Economic Development; Don Ruzicka for Environmental Stewardship; Kinnikinnick Foods for Food Safety; the Alberta Dairy Council for its “Swish n’ Squish” program for Innovation; and Tim Wood with the ECOcafe, for Rural Development. The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Shirley McLellan for her long-time dedication to the province of Alberta and the agriculture industry on which it was founded. Once again congratulations to all the well-deserving recipients of the 2007 GALAs and to Growing Alberta for organizing yet another successful event.

### ASTech Gala 2007

The ASTech awards were held October 19th at the Hyatt Regency in

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### Nutri-Net Canada – Western Canadian FFNHP Industry Strategy Workshop

Agri-Business Centre, Leduc, Alberta  
..... **Dec 13, 07**

### Biopartnering North America 2008

Westin Bayshore Resort, Vancouver, British Columbia ..... **Feb 3-5, 08**

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Calgary. Mary Walsh of “This Hour has 22 Minutes” fame was this year’s MC. Congratulations to this year’s ASTech Awards winners:

- Outstanding Leadership in Alberta Science - Dr. David Bundle
- Outstanding Leadership in Alberta Technology - Dr. Garnette Sutherland
- SAIT Polytechnic/ASTech Outstanding Achievement in Applied Technology and Innovation - Conematic Heating Systems Inc.
- Outstanding Commercial Achievement in Alberta Science and Technology (gross sales greater than \$25M per year) - Intuit Canada Ltd.
- Outstanding Commercial Achievement in Alberta Science and Technology (gross sales less than \$25M per year) - Extreme Engineering
- Leaders of Tomorrow - Jeeshan Chowdhury
- Outstanding Contribution to the Alberta Science and Technology Community - Dr. Eldon Smith
- Syncrude/ASTech Innovation in Oil Sands Research - Alberta Research Council - AACI Research Team
- AVAC/Dow AgroSciences/ASTech Innovation in Agricultural Science - Dr. Maurice Moloney
- Excellence in Science and Technology Public Awareness - Dr. James Pinfold - The Alta Project, University of Alberta
- ASTech Special Award - Margaret-Ann Armour

## Minister of Industry appoints members of Science, Technology and Innovation Council

The Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Industry, announced the appointment of 17 members to the new Science, Technology and Innovation Council. Dr. W.A. (Sam) Shaw, President/CEO of NAIT, and Dr. Harvey Weingarten, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Calgary, have been selected to serve on the Council.

“These highly regarded and talented Canadians come from a variety of sectors and have the range of expertise required to advise on science and technology issues of national importance,” said Minister Prentice. “I am pleased that they have agreed to serve on the Council and to provide the government with objective advice on Canada’s science and technology issues and challenges.”

Canada’s Science and Technology Strategy, Mobilizing Science and Technology to Canada’s Advantage, committed the Government of Canada to consolidate external science and technology advisory bodies and launch

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the Science, Technology and Innovation Council. The Council will provide the government with policy advice on science and technology issues and will produce regular national reports that measure Canada's science and technology performance against international standards of excellence. It will play a vital role in providing science and technology advice on issues, identified by government, which are critical to Canada's economic development and social well-being.

### *Yvonne Tollens, Ag-patch Innovator*

## **Making Choices: Consumers and Their Impact on Canada's Agriculture and Food**

November 5-6, 2007 at Crowne Plaza - Chateau Lacombe, 10111 Belamy Hill, Edmonton, Alberta

The Agricultural Institute of Canada, in cooperation with the Consumer and Market Demand Agricultural Policy Research Network, and several other partners is hosting the conference **Making Choices: Consumers and Their Impact on Canada's Agriculture and Food** to generate discussion and debate and to provide a forum to showcase and learn more about the current and future drivers - economic, health, political and social - that will undoubtedly impact our integrated agriculture and food systems. Canada's agriculture and food sector has the potential to become a world leader in developing food and other agriculture-related products and services for both domestic and global markets. To that end, the ultimate goal of this conference is to foster increased collaboration and information exchange about the drivers and how the sector can address them.

## **Nutri-Net Canada Functional Food/Natural Health Product Industry Strategy Workshop**

December 13, 2007 at the Leduc Agri-Business Centre, 6547 Sparrow Drive, Leduc, Alberta

Nutri-Net Canada is pleased to announce a special opportunity for you to influence development of a made-in-Canada industry strategy for the Functional Food/Natural Health Product (FFNHP) sector.

On December 13, 2007, please join NutriNet Canada in a Western Canadian strategic planning workshop. There is no fee for this program. Breaks and lunch will be provided. These sessions will be held in Saskatoon, Edmonton and Vancouver, with part of the day interactive among these locations.

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- This is a unique opportunity for you to have input in building a strategy to grow the Western Canadian FFNHP industry! Your input matters!
- Learn about NutriNet, an Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Science and Innovation project, and its role in industry development.
- Find out what is happening with current and planned amendments to Canadian FF regulations that affect our industry and your business.

Building on previous work, professionally facilitated sessions will add your input/issues to a growing list of industry issues and proposed possibilities to build an action-oriented industry strategy. This session is designed to solicit input primarily from industry personnel directly involved in FFNHP. We encourage the attendance of:

- Producers
- FFNHP developers and processors
- FFNHP ingredient and finished product manufacturers
- FFNHP wholesalers and retailers
- Industry service providers
- Research community
- Government and research funders

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