

## Dates to Remember

LES 2007 Annual Meeting in Vancouver ..... **Oct 14-17**

ACG Calgary – Beyond Family and Friends – Financing Early Stage Growth in Calgary ..... **Oct 16**

CVCA: Improving Board Performance: Resolving Conflicts & Competing Agendas ..... **Oct 17**

8th Annual Tech Showcase & Open House in Calgary ..... **Oct 18**

Alberta Council of Technologies - AGM in Edmonton ..... **Oct 18**

ASTech Awards Gala in Calgary ..... **Oct 19**

The 2007 Life Sciences & Healthcare Venture Summit in New York City ..... **Oct 23**

Growing Alberta - Harvest Gala in Edmonton ..... **Oct 23**

North American Venture Capital Summit (NAVCS) in Quebec City ..... **Oct 29-30**

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## Recent News

### AVAC AGM 2007

AVAC's 2007 AGM was held on Sept 27. In addition to the normal course business, attendees were treated to an engaging presentation by Bob Church, entitled: Reflections from Poverty Flats. "What business are you in" was the theme of the presentation, in which Dr. Church elaborated on the position that:

*A farmer or rancher facilitates the conversion of water, sunlight and soil nutrients to produce marketable biomass. Producers have traditionally produced commodities to sell instead of producing what sells!*

The concepts of 'Entertainment Foods', 'Genetic based medicine via nanomachines', and a number of other new or emerging areas were explored. Some of the challenges for Alberta and Agriculture were also discussed and included the emergence of 'City State' policy, regulations, commodity prices, and Alberta's success in certain sectors taking attention and effort away from the growth and development of others.

- New Directors nominated and elected for a 3-year term: Dr. Michael Raymont
- Directors re-elected for a 3-year term: Mr. Bob Splane, Mr. Jim Thacker, & Mr. Sandy Slator

### Highlights of ABIC 2007

ABIC 2007, the Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference recently held in Calgary on Sept 24-26, was on all counts a great success. The theme of ABIC 2007 Calgary was Harnessing Science for the Evolving Consumer: The Fit of Agricultural Biotechnology. A number of the AVAC management team were able to attend and take in the high caliber speakers, presentations, and panel discussions. Highlights include:

- Robert Fraley, CTO with Monsanto, explaining that Roundup Ready wheat was shelved in spite of the growing interest in wheat-based ethanol because it did not have the support of Canadian and US

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## Dates Continued

Improving Human Health Workshop  
II: Metabolic Syndrome in Saskatoon  
..... **Nov 1-2**

Winning at Product Innovation:  
Creating Successful Tech-enabled  
New Products in Edmonton  
..... **Nov 1-2**

Canadian Private Equity Markets  
Summit and Dinner Gala in Toronto  
..... **Nov 14**

InnoWest 2007 in Calgary  
..... **Nov 14**

Pacific Rim Summit on Industrial  
Biotechnology and Bioenergy in  
Honolulu, Hawaii ..... **Nov 14-15**

Western Canadian Functional  
Foods Network (WCFN) 6th Annual  
Conference in Richmond, BC  
..... **Nov 15-16**

BioAlberta 8th Annual AGM &  
Awards Gala in Edmonton  
..... **Nov 28**

Alberta Barley Commission – 2007  
AGM in Banff  
..... **Dec 7**

GLOBE 2008 – Business and the  
Environment in Vancouver  
..... **Mar 12-14, 2008**

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grower associations. Instead the company focuses on corn, oilseeds, cotton and vegetables.

- founder, Patrick Moore, bitterly criticizes Greenpeace for opposing GM Golden rice. Golden rice is high in beta-carotene (a precursor to Vitamin A) and would help reduce the 2 million deaths and 500,000 cases of irreversible blindness that have resulted from Vitamin A deficiencies world-wide.
- emerging to dominate agriculture biotech – with a population of 1.4 billion by 2020, 141 million hectares of cultivated land, 12,000 PhD's, 120,000 plant scientists, \$250 million invested annually in this space, and 80% lower R&D costs relative to North America – the country is leveraging its success in high-tech to attract partners and investment to biotechnology.

## Botaneco Grand Opening

On October 30th, 2007 SemBioSys Genetics Inc. will hold the grand opening of its state of the art, 10,000 square foot, Botaneco manufacturing facility in Calgary, AB. The facility is dedicated to the large scale processing of oilseeds, quality control and assurance and distribution for the personal care and topical pharmaceutical markets. This event coincides with the official release of the first branded line of oil body based ingredients from Botaneco, the newly unveiled Hydresia(TM).

## Ceapro Board Adds New Members

Ceapro Inc. announced that Glenn Rourke, until recently Managing Director BMO Nesbitt Burns and Senior Vice President Bank of Montreal, and Gilles Gagnon, most recently President and CEO of Æterna Zentaris have joined Ceapro's Board of Directors.

Glenn worked extensively with public and private companies as well as several levels of government. Corporate policy, governance and its evolution are his among areas of interest. As well, he meets financial literacy requirements and will chair Ceapro's audit committee.

Gilles' extensive managerial experience, especially in mergers and acquisitions, as well as his inside knowledge of the pharma world will aid Ceapro in executing its growth strategy - to be a global leader in developing and commercializing products for human and animal health markets.