

Dates to Remember

CTIA Wireless 2009

April 1-3, 2009

Las Vegas, NV

www.ctiawireless.com

Bio Finance

April 28-29, 2009

Calgary, AB

www.biofinance.ca

BIO 2009

May 18-21, 2009

Atlanta, GA

www.bio2009.org

2009 CVCA Annual Conference

May 27-29, 2009

Calgary, AB

www.cvca.ca

Recent News

CVCA 2009 Annual Conference

The 2009 Canadian Venture Capital and Private Equity Association annual conference is slated to be held in Calgary on May 27-29. As Canada's premier venue to network with over 500 colleagues and peers, and to hear from some of the foremost experts in the industry, the 2009 CVCA conference offers an invaluable opportunity. "The 2009 Conference Committee has done a fantastic job of assembling a top level program, and given the changes happening in the industry today, the event offers participants unique insights that will aid them in identifying the tremendous opportunities that inevitably occur in times of significant change." says Ross Bricker, 2009 Conference Chair.

For a program, further information about the conference, or to register, please go to <http://www.cvca.ca/news/events/2009AnnualConference.aspx>.

SDTC Calls for Applications to its SD Tech Fund

((Ottawa, Ontario)) - Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC), the largest single funder of clean technology in Canada, is calling for Statements of Interests for its fifteenth round of funding. 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

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clean technologies. SDTC helps companies through this critical juncture when capital and scaling costs become formidable challenges and the risk profile deters most other investors. SDTC has a portfolio value of \$1.14 billion and has allocated \$342 million to clean technology projects. The pre-market validation that SDTC has brought to its portfolio companies has enabled significant follow-on funding from the Venture Capital community and Project Finance players

University of Calgary VP Research announces the creation of innovate Calgary

Dr. Rose Goldstein, UofC's Vice President – Research recently announced the creation of Innovate Calgary. The new entity is being designed as a “one-stop-shop” for Southern Alberta to develop and market technological products. One of the first actions taken in creating Innovate Calgary has been the resignation of the board of directors of UofC's University Technologies International (UTI), and the vending-in of UTI. As discussions with a range of Southern Alberta entities are currently underway, further announcements will be forthcoming later this year. While it is too early to say what Innovate Calgary will ultimately look like, it is fair to say that it is intended to integrate and reduce the complexity of the service offerings available to technology innovators in S. Alberta.

Down South Is Getting Greener

Userful, an AVAC investee (a leader in desktop-virtualization and multi-station Linux computing) and ThinNetworks (specializing in solutions which reduce the costs of desktop computing while meeting the needs of the user)

will be working together to supply 356,800 virtualized-desktops to schools in all of Brazil's 5,560 municipalities. This initiative will provide computer access to millions of children and adolescents throughout the country. It is a historical achievement, being: the world's largest ever virtual-desktop deployment; the world's largest ever desktop-Linux deployment, and a new record low-cost for PCs made possible by the sharing of hardware and software costing less than \$50 per seat. This low-cost and environmentally friendly solution establishes the Brazilian Ministry of Education as a global leader in computer education and provides other governments and institutions worldwide with a proven model for improving student to computer ratios with minimal cost and environmental impact.

ASTech Call for Nominations

ASTech call for nominations deadline is June 1, 2009. This year AVAC is co-sponsoring both the Innovation in Information and Communications Technology Award (with iCORE) and the Innovation in Agricultural Science Award (with Dow Agrosiences). The online nomination form is here <http://www.astechnology.ca/awards/call-for-nominations/nomination-form/>