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Ireland to Host ABIC 2008 Conference

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On behalf of the ABIC Foundation, Dr. Ashley O'Sullivan, Chair, is pleased to announce the awarding of the 2008 Conference site. ABIC 2008 will be held in Cork, Ireland, August 24 – 27th, 2008. The Conference host for the 2008 event is the Irish Government semi-state organization Teagasc. Teagasc provides integrated research, advisory and training services for the agriculture and food industry in Ireland and employs over 1,500 staff at over 100 locations throughout Ireland.

The first ABIC conference was held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada in 1996. It was a tremendous success and was followed up with a second conference in 1998. Following the 1998 conference, the ABIC Foundation Inc. was established to secure the continued success of the ABIC series. The Foundation performs advisory, promotional and supportive functions for the conferences. As the Foundation shapes the ABIC concept, it strives to position the Conference at the forefront of agbiotech innovation. Through its various activities, the Foundation raises ABIC's international profile while fostering the ABIC standard of quality. The Foundation's goal is to ensure ongoing opportunities for continuous learning and networking with the agbiotech community through the conference. The conference develops opportunities for collaborations and partnerships by maintaining a vital international network; enhancing access to key research and product development concepts; raising the international profile and public acceptance of agricultural biotechnology and ensuring continued growth of the global agbiotech industry.

The ABIC Conference series is held annually, alternating locations between Asia / Pacific, North America and Europe. ABIC 2007 will be held September 23 – 26, 2007 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. The 2007 Conference is co-hosted by BioAlberta and Alberta Agriculture Research Institute.

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