



ABIC 2010 delegates registered from 27 countries – and counting

Saskatoon, SK: ABIC 2010 is drawing attention around the world, with delegates registered for the conference from 27 countries so far. Registrants are from industry and academic institutes, including some from countries considered developing nations.

Delegate registrations include Savia Biotech (Spain), Elevance Renewable Sciences (USA), Phytowelt Green Technologies (Germany), Novozymes (Denmark) and Dow AgroSciences (Canada), Syngenta Biotechnology (USA), Metabolix, and many more.

Patent and law firms round out the mix, with delegates registered from Smart & Bigger (Vancouver), Percival & Associates (Toronto), Deloitte & Touche (Saskatoon).

Speakers representing industry new comers and seasoned corporations include Zechem Inc, OPX Biotechnologies, Arcadia Biosciences, Lignol Innovations, Verenum Corporation, Ceres, Pfizer Animal Health, and BASF Plant Sciences, to name just a few.

Knowledge is the key to coping with the effects of a changing climate and a growing world population. ABIC is an opportunity to share discoveries and discuss issues around global food security and sustainability challenges, and will look at the global challenges ahead in energy, security and food, as well as provide an investors perspective on agbio over the next ten years. Presentations delve into a diversity of topics, from probiotics to apiculture, to water management and the impact of food borne diseases.

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For more information about the conference, please visit the ABIC 2010 website: **www.abic.ca/abic2010**

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ABIC background

In 1996, Ag-West Bio created the first major international conference devoted to science and business development in agbiotech. In 1996 the first Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference (ABIC) in Saskatoon hosted 700 delegates from 29 countries. A second conference in 1998 resulted in the formation of an organization that would oversee the ABIC Concept, and, to secure the continued success of the ABIC series. The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation, based in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Directors of the ABIC Foundation are drawn from several countries. The Foundation's goal is to ensure ongoing opportunities for continuous learning and networking within the agbiotech community through the Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference.

ABIC has traveled the world: It has been hosted in Germany, Australia, Ireland and Thailand, and returning to Saskatoon, SK, Canada for the 10th conference. The ABIC 2010 planning committee comprises the top biotech experts from Saskatchewan's life science cluster. A tradeshow, an international poster competition and a public forum are included in this premier conference.

Ag-West Bio Inc. is a leading catalyst for industry growth in Saskatchewan's bioeconomy. Ag-West provides seed capital, regulatory support, industry information and aids strategic alliances. Ag-West Bio is a member-based organization representing agricultural biotechnology, bioproducts and bioprocesses, and the natural health products and functional food sectors.