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Message from the ABIC Foundation

The ABIC Foundation's 2008 strategic plan entitled "Agbiotech for a Sustainable Planet," laid out three interrelated and interdependent strategic thrusts: Connecting People; Building Capacity; and, Enabling Progress through Commercialization.

ABIC's Operational and Administrative Priorities were then set out in five phases:

1. Solidification
2. Planning for Growth
3. Launch Expansion
4. Solidify Growth
5. Evolve Next Plan

The second phase, Planning for Growth, was comprised of three specific tasks: Conduct a feasibility study; Determine funding targets; and Prepare for campaign launch. With this in mind, the ABIC Foundation conducted a feasibility study, completed in July 2009, to determine potential funding sources that would support the Strategic Plan goals.

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Muriel Adams,
ABIC Foundation Managing Director

At its very core, the ABIC Foundation supports the development of Agricultural Biotechnology (Agbiotech) as a major force in developing, creating and ensuring a sustainable planet. ABIC Foundation's mission is dedicated to linking the global science, business, government and development communities to enable the application of sustainable agricultural biotechnologies for the good of all. Its focus for the future lies in the pursuit of three interrelated and interdependent strategic thrusts: Connecting People, Building Capacity and Enabling Progress through Commercialization.

Call for Scientific Posters

Scientists and researchers are invited to submit abstracts of their work and prepare posters for display during ABIC 2010.

May 14, 2010 is the deadline to submit your abstract.

For more information, contact the conference organizer, or click here to view poster [guidelines and deadlines \(pdf\)](#).

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ABIC 2010: Bridging Biology and Business

ABIC 2010 features a stellar line-up of presenters in three streams: **Energy, Health and Sustainability**, with 66 expert speakers and five keynote presentations. ABIC 2010 also includes a tradeshow, an international poster competition and a public forum. A Gala and other networking events round out the social aspects of this premier conference.

Register for ABIC 2010 now to save \$400 off the full delegate fee of \$1250!

Who should attend ABIC 2010?

- Industry leaders
- Managers of biotechnology companies
- Bio Industry specialists
- Venture Capital Specialists and Providers
- Entrepreneurs
- Policy makers
- Patent Attorneys & Licensing professionals
- Biotech Manufacturers
- Scientists and engineers (at all levels - PhD to Principal Investigators)
- Animal, plant, energy, microbiology, food & dairy, academic and industry based researchers
- Media professionals
- Legal and other service providers
- Government officials
- Farmers and agricultural organizations

Speaker Profile: Margaret Catley-Carlson

Staying Healthy in an Unhealthy World: The Water Dimension

Water, water everywhere... but often too much in one place and not enough in another. Protecting the world's water supplies is Margaret Catley-Carlson's passion. She is chair of the Crop Diversity Trust and one of 66 industry experts to speak at ABIC 2010 Bridging Biology & Business.

The Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference returns to Saskatoon September 12-15, 2010, hosted by Ag-West Bio. ABIC, which began in Saskatoon in 1996, has traveled the world: Australia, Ireland, Germany and Thailand have each hosted the conference. ABIC 2010 is expected to draw 1000 delegates from around the world to hear a stellar line-up of presenters in three streams: Energy, Health and Sustainability.

Catley-Carlson has been working tirelessly for two decades on water related problems around the world. She is actively involved in organizations that apply science and knowledge to national and international problems in freshwater governance, health, agriculture, environmental protection, international development and development finance. At ABIC 2010, the title of her presentation is "Staying Healthy in an Unhealthy World: The Water Dimension."

Beginning her career as a diplomat, Catley-Carlson has been Deputy Minister of Health in Canada. Currently, she is chair of the Board of the Crop Diversity Trust, the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council on Water and the Foresight Advisory Committee for Group Suez Environment. She is a patron of the Global Water Partnership, and a member of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board, the Rosenberg Forum and of the Council of Advisors of the World Food Prize and serves on the Boards of the IMWI (the International Center for Water Resource Management); the IFDC (Fertilizer Management) and IIED - the International Institute for Environment and Development. She has been chair of the ICARDA and CABI Boards and the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council, vice chair of the IDRC Board and a commissioner of water for the 21st Century and a Board Member of the Biblioteca Alexandrina. She was president of the Canadian International Development Agency 1983-89; deputy executive director of UNICEF in New York 1981-1983; president of the Population Council in New York 1993-98; and deputy minister of the Department of Health and Welfare of Canada 1989-92. Catley-Carlson has ten honorary degrees and is an officer of the Order of Canada.

Margaret Catley-Carlson <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTL2I-asKqA>

Learn more about other confirmed speakers coming to ABIC 2010:
www.abic.ca/abic2010

In 1996, Ag-West Bio created the first major international conference devoted to science and business development in agbiotech. The first **Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference (ABIC)** in 1996 in Saskatoon hosted 700 delegates from 29 countries. After four successful Canadian conferences, ABIC travelled the world: Australia, Ireland, Germany and Thailand have each hosted the conference.

ABIC 2010 is hosted by [Ag-West Bio Inc.](#), a leading catalyst for industry growth through regulatory support, industry information and aiding strategic alliances. A member based organization, Ag-West represents agricultural biotechnology, bioproducts and bioprocesses, and, natural health products and functional food sectors. Located in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Canada, Ag-West welcomes you to the 10th ABIC conference. **We look forward to seeing you in Saskatoon!**



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