



Welcoming the World's Ag Biotech Community

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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 inter-dependent strategic thrusts: Connecting People; Building Capacity; and, Enabling Progress through Commercialization.

The ABIC Conference successfully achieves the first strategic thrust of Connecting People by bringing together delegates, exhibitors, and speakers. The Foundation continues to enhance the conference to make it the leading Agbiotech conference in the world. ABIC knows the importance of coming out with ecologically sound solutions; and it aims to find sustainable answers that will enable progress through Commercialization without depleting the planet's natural resources.

The first effort in Building Capacity will be within the Foundation's travel bursary program. The annual bursaries were created to encourage ABIC attendance from among young scientists in emerging nations whose studies are closely focused on agricultural biotechnology. The Foundation assists promising new researchers by making the ABIC network of agbiotech contacts more accessible.

The Foundation will work with organizations who are interested in enhancing the travel bursary program so that more young scientists can attend ABIC conferences. www.abic.ca

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.

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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.

Keynote presenters pack a punch at ABIC 2010

A powerhouse of five plenary speakers is lined up to take the stage at ABIC 2010: Bridging Biology & Business. The speakers, all well-known and respected names in the biotech industry, promise not to pull any punches at ABIC.

The Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference returns to Saskatoon September 12-15, 2010, hosted by Ag-West Bio. 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**. The conference includes a public forum, an international poster competition and a tradeshow, along with networking events.

Keynote speakers:

John E. Hamer, Managing Director Malaysia, Latin America, Burrill & Company, has published more than 70 research articles and has received numerous awards of distinction throughout his career. He has served on numerous scientific review and biotechnology advisory boards including the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. Hamer also serves on the Boards of Directors of Chromatin, Cobalt Technologies, Nanovasc Inc, Arête Therapeutics, and Diadexus.

Julian Cribb is the author of "The Coming Famine: Risks and Solutions for Global Food Security." Topics he explores include food waste in developed countries – while a billion people starve in the developing world; water consumption and contamination; funding for agricultural research versus weapons funding. "There's an urgent need," he says in a synopsis of his book, "not only to redouble the agricultural research effort worldwide, but to develop a new 'eco-agriculture' that is sustainable and less dependent on heavy use of energy, water, nutrients and other increasingly scarce industrial inputs."

Karl Dawson serves as the Director of Worldwide Research for Alltech and directs research activities at the company's Biosciences Centers. His ABIC presentation, entitled "The Role of Biotechnology in Nutrition and Food Security," explores the use of molecular and functional genomic tools for evaluating nutritional management strategies. These tools, he says, promise to revolutionize our view of nutrient requirements and the safety of ingredients entering the food chain.

Clive James is founder and Chairman of ISAAA (International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications). ISAAA facilitates the sharing of biotech knowledge from industrial countries to benefit farmers in the developing world. James' presentation will address environmental sustainability through biotechnology.

Prem Warrior is senior project manager with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Global Development Program. Warrior has hands-on experience in the discovery, development and commercialization of crop protection products. His presentation is entitled: "Agbiotech: The Global Sustainability Challenge."

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.](http://www.agwest.sk.ca), 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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