

An Update from ABIC 2013

424 Delegates, 58 Speakers, 54 Sponsors, Over 40 Successful Partnering Sessions, 29 Exhibitors, 18 Poster Entries, 23 Countries Represented, 4 Days – all within 1 City.

ABIC 2013, held in Calgary, Alberta from Sept 15 – 18, 2013 has come and gone, and was a great success! 424 delegates from 23 countries around the world came together to explore the role of ag biotechnology in agriculture, energy, preventative health (both human and animal) and investment. Within these four segments, we were able to hear from 54 expert speakers who were able to engage and connect with the audience, and present information that all the delegates will be able to bring back to their own countries.

At ABIC 2013, we had 18 poster entries from 5 different countries. The judges found it very difficult to choose the winner with all the great research presented in the three categories: Health and Agriculture (Food), Environmental/Global Stewardship, and Productivity/Quality. In the end, the award was presented to Jim, X.J. Fang from Richmond, British Columbia, Canada. Jim's abstract title is *Discovering Novel B.t. Toxins for Better Bio-pesticides and Biotech Crops*.

Five charging stations were used throughout ABIC 2013, sponsored by Agri-Technology Commercialization Centre, and were presented to five draw winners. To enter into the draw, delegates had to get a stamp from all exhibitors in their Exhibitors Passport Booklet in order to be eligible. Of the five winners, one was from Malaysia.

Great coverage on ABIC 2013 was done by Glacier farmmedia, in which they presented morning, afternoon, and evening web video updates throughout the event. These videos are posted both on the ABIC 2013 website and on Facebook: ABIC Foundation. Make sure you check this out to hear from speakers, committee members, and delegates at ABIC 2013! Also check out Twitter #ABIC 2013.

The Alberta Canola Producers and the Canadian Canola Growers Association gave a new taste to canola oil by setting up a station to sample different varieties of Canola Oil, followed by an apple to cleanse your palate. This was a great attraction at the conference.

We would like to thank our 54 sponsors for their support. Also, a big thank you to all of you that attended ABIC 2013 – we could not have done it without you!