

Canadian Biotech Goes Global

June 19, 2017 (SAN DIEGO & OTTAWA) – BIOTECCanada launched BIO 2017 by chairing the annual meeting of International Council of Biotechnology Associations (ICBA) which brings together the national industry associations of the twenty leading biotechnology nations around the world.

“I welcome the opportunity to Chair the ICBA,” commented Andrew Casey, President and CEO BIOTECCanada. “BIOTECCanada looks forward to helping shape the industry’s international public policy agenda, showcasing individual country success and the interconnected global biotech ecosystem. Global Biotech Week running September 20-27, 2017 will provide a further opportunity to highlight the industry’s significance internationally as companies attract partners, investors and talent to drive innovations forward.”

With over 800 Canadians from across the country attending BIO, Canada’s is again the largest international delegation at the annual industry convention.

Importantly, through the BIOTECCanada cost saving initiative, more than 100 small and medium sized BIOTECCanada member companies were able to take advantage of significant savings on BIO registration and passes to the business partnering forum.

To support member companies and their ecosystem partnerships BIOTECCanada recently released *Discover, Innovate, Solve. The Science of Amazing – Canada’s Biotech Ecosystem*. This platform highlights the central role Canadian biotechnology plays in delivering innovative solutions helping societies and economies mitigate and adapt to the reality of challenging pressures. Learn more - <http://www.biotecanada-ecosystem.com>

Canadian programming highlights include:

Tuesday June 20, 2017

10:30am - Canada Pavilion Opening – booth #4325

1pm – Made in Canada –Maximizing the Federal Innovation Agenda Advantage - Booth #4325

This Made in Canada panel will feature a series of national ecosystem leaders exploring the Innovation Agenda potential for Canadians and our global partners.

Panel participants include: Paul Petrelli, Chair BIOTECCanada

Roberto Bellini, Bellus Health

Don Olds, NEOMED Institute

Shermaine Tilley, CTI Life Sciences Fund

Kelly Gillis, Associate Deputy Minister, Innovation Science and Economic Development

Wednesday June 21, 2017

3pm – The Next 150 Years of Canadian Innovation - Room 26 AB

Panel participants include: Natalie Dakers, Accel-Rx Health Sciences Accelerator

Rory Francis, PEI BioAlliance

April Luong, National Research Council.

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