

Mobilizing Alberta's Bioeconomy

5th Annual Biorefining Conversions Network Strategic Retreat

Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alberta

October 21 – 23, 2014

Tuesday, October 21, 2014	
Registration and Networking Reception (Stanley Thompson Foyer)	7:00pm – 9:00pm
Wednesday, October 22, 2014	
Breakfast	7:30am – 8:30am
Opening Comments David Bressler – Executive Director, BCN	8:30am – 9:00am
Opening Keynotes Jim Lane – Editor, Biofuels Digest Peter Riddles – Founder & Director, ViciBio	9:00am – 10:00am
Power Break	10:00am – 10:30am
Session 1: <i>Riding the VC Wave Over the Valley of Death</i> Session Chair: Jim Lane – Editor, Biofuels Digest Denver Dale – Founder & CEO, On-Point Capital Conrad Plimpton – Managing Director, Plimpton & Company Kaizad Debu – Associate Portfolio Manager, AIMCo Panel Discussion	10:30am – 12:00pm
Lunch	12:00pm – 12:45pm
Mountain Break	12:45pm – 3:00pm
Session 2: <i>The Alberta Bioindustry: What's on the Horizon?</i> Session Chair: Warren Mabee – Canada Research Chair in Renewable Energy Development and Implementation, Queen's University Jonathan Curtis – Professor, University of Alberta William Bardosh – CEO, TerraVerdae Bioworks Mike Hamilton – CEO, Renmatix	3:00pm – 4:15pm
Power Break	4:15pm – 4:45pm
Roberto Armenta – CTO, Mara Renewables Corp. David Lynch – General Manager, R&D, Enerkem Inc. Tim Haig & David Bressler – CEO & Chief Scientific Advisor, Forge Hydrocarbons	4:45pm – 6:00pm
Mountview BBQ Dinner Buses will depart from the front of the Fairmont Banff Springs at 6:15 and 6:20	6:15pm – 9:00pm
Thursday, October 23, 2014	
Breakfast	7:30am – 8:45am
Session 3a: <i>The Corner of Bioindustry St. and Oil & Gas Ave.</i> Session Chair: Susan Wood-Bohm – Executive Director, Biological GHG Management Program, CCEMC & Alberta Innovates Bio Solutions Lisa Dyson – CEO, Kiverdi Ian Thomson – President, Western Canada Biodiesel Association	8:45am – 9:35am
Perspectives of Funders Adrianna Clapp – Program Coordinator, Genome Alberta Irene Mikawoz – Manager, Prairies Regional Office, NSERC	9:35am – 9:50am
Power Break	9:50am – 10:30am
Session 3b: <i>The Corner of Bioindustry St. and Oil & Gas Ave.</i> Neil Shelly – Executive Director, Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association Brad West – Director, Business Development, Renewable Energy, Suncor Energy Services Inc. Juan Benitez – Senior Specialist, Strategic Partnerships, Cenovus Energy Panel Discussion	10:30am – 11:45am
Lunch & Oral Competition for Graduate Students and Postdocs	11:45pm – 1:00pm
Mountain Break	1:30pm – 3:00pm
Session 4: <i>Plugging into the "Receptor" Industry</i> Session chair: Bill Orts – Research Leader, United States Department of Agriculture Aaron Thornton – Global Marketing Manager, Biorenewables, BASF Joseph Matt – Technology Development Specialist, Croda Inc. Alexander Thiemann – Manager, Scientific Affairs, Dr. Straetmans GmbH Albert Soley – R&D Project Manager, Lipotec Ben Tunland – President, Ostrem Chemical Co. Ltd.	3:00pm – 4:25pm
Power Break	4:25pm – 4:45am
Panel Discussion	4:45pm – 5:30pm
Closing Plenary Darrell Bricker – CEO for Ipsos, Global Public Affairs	5:30pm – 6:30pm
Networking Reception & Silent Auction (Riverview Lounge)	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Banquet Dinner (Alberta Room)	7:30pm – 9:00pm
End of Retreat	

Unless stated otherwise, all events will take place at the Van Horne Ballroom.