BIO Opens Registration for 10th Annual World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioprocessing in Montreal

Biotechnology Industry Organization

WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE [1])--Today the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) announced registration and housing are now open [2] for the 2013 World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioprocessing [3]. This unique conference will be held June 16-19, 2013 in Montreal, Canada at the Palais des congrès de Montréal.

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Now in its 10th year, the world’s largest industrial biotechnology conference for business leaders, investors, academics and policymakers in biofuels, biobased products, renewable chemicals, synthetic biology, food ingredients and biomass remains the only conference dedicated solely to industrial biotechnology and the most recent advancements in the field. Industrial and environmental biotechnology is at the forefront of the biobased economy, generating good-paying jobs and making cleaner products and processes.

“We are excited to bring this conference once again to Montreal to highlight the industry's growth. In 2013 it is the World Congress’ 10th anniversary, and we are celebrating ten years of excellence,” said Brent Erickson, executive vice president of BIO’s Industrial & Environmental Section. “The World Congress provides company executives an unparalleled opportunity to network with their colleagues, explore partnerships, and learn about the latest developments in the field of industrial biotechnology and bioprocessing.”

Biofuel and renewable chemical company executives, scientists and government officials from around the globe will speak in plenary [4] and breakout sessions at BIO’s 10th annual World Congress. Plenary and breakout sessions feature high-level takes on the industry’s hottest topics and are designed to keep you on the cutting edge of industrial biotech.

BIO’s World Congress will feature six breakout session tracks [5] over three days. More than 35 sessions will cover the latest progress in commercializing advanced biofuels and renewable chemicals, company partnerships and more in industrial biotechnology. The six tracks include Advanced Biofuels and Biorefinery Platforms; Feedstock Crops and Biomass Supply; Renewable Chemical Platforms and Biobased

Materials; Specialty Chemicals, Pharmaceutical Intermediates, Food Ingredients; Synthetic Biology and Microbial Genomics; and Technical Presentations.

BIO's World Congress will also feature investor sessions [6] and business partnering opportunities. The investor sessions will allow executives from companies seeking to raise investment capital to make formal 25-minute presentations on their technology development and business models to an elite audience of investors and analysts. The partnering sessions utilize a computer system that assists companies and investors alike in arranging confidential one-on-one meetings with other attendees. Last year BIO's One-on-One Partnering led to more than 500 business partnering meetings.

Online registration [7] for the conference is now open. Early bird registration ends May 3, 2013. Please visit http://www.bio.org/worldcongress/ [8] for additional information, or email worldcongress@bio.org [9].

Online pre-registration [10] for reporters and editors is now open. All breakout and plenary sessions at the BIO World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioprocessing are open to attendance by members of the media. Complimentary media registration is available to editors and reporters with valid press credentials working full time for print, broadcast or web publications.

About BIO

BIO represents more than 1,100 biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centers and related organizations across the United States and in more than 30 other nations. BIO members are involved in the research and development of innovative healthcare, agricultural, industrial and environmental biotechnology products. BIO also produces the BIO International Convention, the world's largest gathering of the biotechnology industry, along with industry-leading investor and partnering meetings held around the world. BIO produces BIOtechNOW [11], an online portal and monthly newsletter chronicling "innovations transforming our world." Subscribe to BIOtechNOW [12].

Upcoming BIO Events

BIO Asia International Conference [13]
January 29 – 30, 2013
Tokyo, Japan

BIO CEO & Investor Conference [14]
February 11 – 12, 2013
New York City, NY

BIO International Convention [15]
April 22 – 25, 2013
Chicago, IL

World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology [16]

June 16 – 19, 2013
Montreal, Canada

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