



IowaBio March 2016

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PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

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For over 15 years, IowaBio has provided scholarships to top biotechnology students who present at the annual State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa (SSTFI) in Ames. This year, in addition to awarding five scholarships, IowaBio is introducing the Iowa [BioGENEius Challenge](#) – the local semi-qualifying competition for the International BioGENEius Challenge. Of the five scholarship winners, one will be selected to go on and compete in San Francisco this June with other winners across the U.S., Canada and Germany. Grand Prize winners of the International BioGENEius Challenge will be announced during a keynote luncheon at the BIO International Convention and will be awarded \$7,500.

Here's Where We Need Your Help! IowaBio needs volunteers to help judge at the Iowa BioGENEius Challenge and the International BioGENEius Challenge. Please see below for both event's specifications, requirements and benefits:

Iowa BioGENEius Challenge

When: March 31, 2016 (~9:00am – 12:00pm)

Where: Hilton Coliseum, ISU Campus, Ames

Volunteers Needed: 3-5 – guaranteed spot until positions are filled

BENEFIT: Volunteers will receive complimentary registrations for IowaBio's Partnering for Growth [Biotech Innovation Showcase](#) & [Forum](#), March 30-31st

International BioGENEius Challenge

When: June 5-9, 2016 (judging day is June 6th)

Where: Moscone Convention Center, San Francisco

Volunteers Needed: At least 5 – not guaranteed to be chosen

BENEFIT – Chosen volunteers will receive a full convention pass to the [BIO International Convention](#) and IowaBio will cover the cost of your hotel stay

To learn more or volunteer for either opportunity, please contact Melissa Moyer at melissa@iowabio.org or (515) 494-9242 by March 25th!



Biotech Innovation Showcase & Forum

March 30-31, 2016

FFA Enrichment Center

Ankeny, Iowa

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IowaBio invites you to attend its annual Partnering for Growth event, which now takes place over two days! The first day will incorporate the new “Biotech Innovation Showcase” – an investor conference that will showcase early- to mid-stage biotech company presentations and provide a chance for innovators, inventors and investors to connect. The second day will host the annual Forum and include great keynote presentations, breakout panel discussions, an exhibit hall and one-on-one Partnering Meetings. Join IowaBio on either or both days as a guest or a sponsor!

Partnering for Growth’s Biotech Innovation Showcase

March 30, 2016

7:30am – 4:30pm



The Partnering for Growth’s Biotech Innovation Showcase is an investor conference that joins innovators, inventors and investors together to present and discuss the development of biofuels and biomaterials; advances in food, ag and plant genetics; progress in animal health; as well as human health and medical technology.

Who Should Attend: Angel Investors, Seed Capital Funds, Venture Capitalists, Investment Firms, Biotech Leaders, Students

Learn more and register at www.iowabio.org/innovation

Partnering for Growth Forum

March 31, 2016

7:30am – 6:30pm



The Partnering for Growth Forum focuses on multiple biotech industries active in the state of Iowa, including Food & Agriculture, Industrial & Environmental and Healthcare & Pharmaceutical. This event is a premier learning, collaborating and networking highlight for the biotech community.

Who Should Attend: Biotech and Support leaders involved with Research & Development, Business Development, Economic Development, Funding, Human Resources, Issues Management and Regulatory; Students

Learn more and register at www.iowabio.org/pfg

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Proliant Biologicals Opens New Zealand Facility



Gov. Branstad and Lt. Gov. Reynolds issue statements celebrating **DowDuPont's decision to locate Global Business Center in Iowa**



BIO Releases First-Ever Industry Principles on Value of Biopharmaceuticals

Pancreatic cancer 'breakthrough' hailed

GMO labeling bill's fate lies with Democrats

Identifying traits early in development could predict **future biomass production in Miscanthus**

Bacteria Take "**RNA Mug Shots**" of Threatening **Viruses**

New wheat genetic advancements aimed at **yield** enhancement

Pigs' genetic code altered in bid to tackle deadly **virus**

Eliminating GMOs would take **toll on environment**, economies

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Midwest Events

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InvestMidwest Forum

March 23-24, 2016 | St. Louis, MO

The 17th annual InvestMidwest is seeking applicants to present at the conference on March 23-24 in St. Louis. InvestMidwest continues to attract great investors to see presentations from the best high growth companies in the Midwest—companies that have presented at InvestMidwest have raised over \$1 billion in funding and through acquisitions. There are three industry tracks: life sciences, IT/general business and food/ag/bioenergy.

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Partnership Pays: Building a Relationship with ARS to Enhance Your USDA Proposal

March 29, 2016 | 1:30pm CST | Free Webinar

Are you a small business, entrepreneur or scientist interested in technology-based agriculture innovations? Are you interested in collaborating with world class scientists? Then you should attend this webinar! It is free but registration is required.

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Governor's 2016 Future Ready Iowa Summit

April 19, 2016 | Des Moines, IA

For every employer competing in the global economy, attracting and retaining top-notch talent is the most critical challenge they face. So how does Iowa create a workforce that's prepared to take on the world? How do we assure that more students and workers have the career opportunities they deserve? The Governor's 2016 Future Ready Iowa Summit will elevate the statewide conversation about how to build on the work underway to close the skills gap.

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Regulatory Affairs Leadership Certificate Program

June 13-17, 2016 | Des Moines, IA



As a response to the industry changes, Drake University has developed a comprehensive leadership program specifically in the area of regulatory affairs. Drawing upon expertise from Drake's Intellectual Property Law Center, the Agricultural Law Center, College of Business and Public Administration, and the College of Arts & Sciences, the Regulatory Affairs Leadership Certificate from Drake University integrates history, innovation, strategy, and business acumen to instill individuals with the skills and expertise to navigate regulations in this vital, fluid industry.

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Global Events

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Biosimilars World 2016

*Mar 30 – Apr 1, 2016
Philadelphia, PA*

BIO World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology

*April 17-20, 2016
San Diego, CA*

STEM Cell Summit

*April 25-27, 2016
Boston, MA*

Infectious Diseases World Summit

*June 1-3, 2016
San Diego, CA*

BIO International Convention

*June 6-9, 2016
San Francisco, CA*

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If you would like more information on any topic or no longer wish to receive these messages, please email melissa@iowabio.org or call 515-494-9242.

Capitol Report

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IowaBio began issuing a Capitol Report in February 2015. It is a legislative update issued on a periodic basis and allows readers to learn more about our legislative activities and bills that may affect the biotechnology industry. If you would like to receive these reports by email, please visit www.iowabio.org/capitolreport - a link to subscribe and view archives is available on this page.

SPEAKER OPPORTUNITIES

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IowaBio staff members are available to give 15-60 minute speeches to interested groups, such as Rotary Clubs, trade associations, or civic groups. A broad range of topics could be discussed, included biotechnology, healthcare, food vs. fuel, legislative policy, investment and more. Contact Joe Hrdlicka at (515) 327-9156 or joe@iowabio.org.