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## President's Message

In 1998, a group of 40 biotech entrepreneurs came together to build and grow a network that would support researchers and founders, help them find the resources they need, and celebrate their success. With that vision, BioAlberta was born.

As we begin our 25th year, BioAlberta looks a lot different than it did back then. The sub-sectors we work with have evolved over time, and our role as a voice and champion is more prominent. Our membership has grown to almost 250 members, and for the past five years we have not relied on an operational grant from government to sustain our business. But the vision and mission of the founders remains the core of everything we do.

2023 is a year to celebrate life sciences for many reasons. We have emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic as a strong and viable sector. Investments in drug and vaccine discovery and biomanufacturing are leading growth, with companies like Entos, Syantra, Pacylex and Providence leading the charge. Investment in innovation and technology is breaking records, development in bioenergy, proteins and functional ingredients is leveraging Alberta's agriculture

and energy sectors, and health innovation and medical device companies are gearing up to sell to the world. The future's so bright, I gotta wear shades!

While we celebrate the successes of the past and the present, we cannot dwell in the past. There is a great deal of work to be done together to take advantage of the current momentum. This year, BioAlberta will focus on investment tools to support plant protein companies, strategies for bioenergy and an updated strategy for life sciences. BioAlberta will again partner with Deloitte and others on the State of the Industry report, the definitive survey of our sector's growth and challenges. We look forward to showcasing Alberta companies on the international stage at BIO International and ADVAMED's Medtech Conference.

Our celebration of life sciences will peak in September at our annual Health and Life Sciences Showcase and Awards. We can't wait to bring together our sector's leaders to celebrate past and current success and embrace the future in some new and exciting ways.

So please join us throughout the year as we honour the founders of the Alberta Biotechnology Association, now BioAlberta, and thank them for their vision and leadership. We hope our actions and initiatives make them proud as we work with you to build Alberta's life sciences.

*Robb Stoddard*  
President & CEO, BioAlberta

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## Annual Policy Forum & Dinner

March 7th we will be returning with our annual Policy Forum. Tickets will go on sale next week!

### Panel Topics:

- A Life Sciences Strategy for Alberta
- The Future of Vaccines – Moving beyond mandates and the politicization of public health.
- Improving Regulatory Processes for Health Tech and Medical Device SMEs.
- Developing a Bioenergy Strategy for Alberta.

If you are interested in a sponsorship opportunity, [see here](#).

If you are interested in becoming a panellist, please reach out to [nisarg@bioalberta.com](mailto:nisarg@bioalberta.com)

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## Member Website Login

We launched our redesigned website a couple of months ago. The new website was designed to reflect all our new branding and be easier to navigate. For a more streamlined process, we created a new login system so you can access your account, billing, and payment information.

If you haven't already you should receive a password reset email within the next few days from [admin@bioalberta.com](mailto:admin@bioalberta.com). It is important that you set up a new password. If you don't see anything in your inbox, please check your junk mail folder in case we aren't on your safe sender list.

If you require assistance, you can reach us at [780-425-3804](tel:780-425-3804) or [christy@bioalberta.com](mailto:christy@bioalberta.com)

## Upcoming Events



The poster features a background of tall grass against a blue sky. In the top right corner, there are two logos: 'bio alberta Association for Life Sciences Industry' and the 'prairie Bioeconomy Guild' logo. The main text reads 'PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD' in large white letters, followed by 'CANNABIS MANUFACTURER TOKEN NATURALS WITH KEENAN PASCAL' in dark blue. Below this, it says 'From 5 PM to 7 PM' and 'Wednesday, 11th January 2023' in bold dark blue, with the location 'Brewsters (Mezz room) 11620 104 Ave' in a lighter blue. A circular logo for 'token NATURALS' is on the right. On the left, there is a calendar icon with a clock.

**PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD**

**CANNABIS MANUFACTURER TOKEN NATURALS**

**WITH KEENAN PASCAL**

*From 5 PM to 7 PM*

**Wednesday, 11th January 2023**

Brewsters (Mezz room) 11620 104 Ave

**January 11, 2023**

### Prairie Bioeconomy Guild

On January 11th, join us for our monthly Prairie Bioeconomy Guild.

We will hear from Token Naturals CEO, Keenan Pascal on "Creative pathways to production: meeting roadblocks with outside-the-box thinking."

We're excited to see you!

Free drink and snack.

Register [here](#) now.

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# Virtual Lunch 'n Learn WITH JAMIE DAVIDOFF

Speaker:

Jamie Davidoff  
Spark Success Coaching Inc.

Topic:

How Coaching can support your  
life sciences business to flourish.

When:

24 January, 2023  
12 - 1 pm

*\*Team's meeting link will be provided to attendees one week before the event*

**January 24, 2023**

## Coaching Webinar

On January 24th, we will be hearing from **Jamie Davidoff**, Executive and Leadership Coach & Organizational Culture Consultant at **Spark Success** Coaching Inc.

Register for our upcoming webinar on the benefits of coaching for organizations, and how coaching can support who you are as a life sciences leader for you, your team, and your organization's success.

Register [here](#) now.



**February 7-8, 2023**

## Canada in the Valley Showcase Announcement

The San Francisco Life Science event is a tailored 2-day forum that brings together vetted early-stage companies, investors and industry leaders. An opportunity to discover exceptional Canadian technology and talent sourced from CELS Valley Ready (VR) Accelerator and select high-performance programs.

The fully loaded event will feature industry-leading speakers and panels, 1:1 meeting sessions, pitch sessions and lots of networking opportunities.

See details [here](#) now.



**CALL FOR INNOVATIONS**

**Innovation Masterminds Edmonton (imYEG) is now accepting applications for the 2023 calendar year!**

If you are an innovator with ties to The University of Alberta, The University of Lethbridge, The University of Calgary, or any other Alberta PSI, and you have a novel idea that you want to commercialize, imYEG might be right for you!

EMAIL TO INQUIRE  
KELLY.MICETICH@IMYEG.COM

**APPLY NOW**

APPLY ON OUR WEBSITE  
WWW.IMYEG.COM

**February 23, 2023**

### Call for Innovators

Innovation Masterminds Edmonton (imYEG) is accepting New Innovation Applications for the 2023 calendar year! Head over to their website for more information and to learn about why you won't want to miss out on this opportunity. Space is limited with only three sessions available.

See details [here](#) now or email [kelly.micetich@imyeg.com](mailto:kelly.micetich@imyeg.com)

## BioAlberta Talent Hub

### Student Opportunities



BioAlberta is pleased to continue the Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Voucher program for the STEM and life sciences sector on behalf of the Ministry of Advanced Education. We are continuing to work with post-secondary institutions and employers to help students connect with new learning opportunities and on-the-job training.

2023 applications for employers are now open! For more information contact [jamie@bioalberta.com](mailto:jamie@bioalberta.com) or see [here](#).

## Member Benefits



BioTalent Canada has funding opportunities open, which include:

- Student Work Placement Program offering 50-70% wage subsidy (\$5000-\$7000)
- Skilled Newcomer Internships Program offering 75% wage subsidy (up to \$20,000) for NEWCOMERS only. 3-9 month placements open.

View Wage Subsidy programs [here](#).

## In the news...

### **Knowde Group Announces Successful Site Support Post Health Canada Non-Compliance Inspection**

Knowde Group provides clinical trial management services and strategic advisory focused on the conduct of phase I-III trials globally, including investigator initiated and registry trials. They recently announced the successful completion of their regulatory and site support post Health Canada inspection for Remedy Institute, which is a research site conducting phase 2 MDMA clinical trials in Canada. Health Canada deemed the Corrective and Preventative actions post Health Canada Inspection acceptable to resume conducting clinical trials.

Read their complete press release [here](#).



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