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President's Message

Welcome to 2024, a year full of promise and growth for Alberta's life sciences sector! On behalf of the BioAlberta Board and our team, we are excited to work with you in the coming year to grow your business, advocate for life sciences and shape the sector through thought leadership and network engagement.

In 2024 expect to see BioAlberta continue to be the face and voice of life sciences across Alberta, providing you with opportunities to connect and engage with policymakers, investors, and most importantly, each other. We're proud to work with Alberta Technology and Innovation to conduct roundtables to support Alberta's Innovation Framework in the first quarter of 2024. With Policy Forum in Edmonton on March 5 and Health and Life Science Showcase in Calgary on September 26 anchoring our calendar, you will have many opportunities to meet potential partners, mentors, and supporters. 2024 will also see regular networking opportunities in Edmonton and Calgary, and new partnerships to deliver important content to you.

In the past year, you have seen increased costs in your business. As a member - funded organization, we appreciate your support and strive to ensure that you see value in your BioAlberta membership. In the past year we have reduced costs where we could and have recently made key changes to our staff to focus on member engagement and service; however, despite our efforts to remain as lean as possible, we too have seen increased costs in doing business. As a result, we must increase our membership rates. Our membership prices have been the same since 2018, and our Corporate membership levels have been the same since 2013. Effective April 1, 2024, our membership rates will increase by 8 - 10%. For an overview of the new rates, please refer to the chart below.

Member value has been our core commitment to you for the last 25 years and it will continue to be so. We look forward to working with you to support your business success while growing our vibrant life sciences sector.

Sincerely,

Robb Stoddard
President & CEO, BioAlberta

BioAlberta Membership Increases 2024

Member Category	Current	Effective April 1
Student	\$65.00	\$75.00
Individual	\$185.00	\$205.00
Education/Gov't	\$1,300.00	\$1,500.00
Core Life 1-5	\$375.00	\$400.00
Core Life 6-15	\$600.00	\$650.00
Core Life 16-50	\$1,300.00	\$1,500.00
Core Life 51-100	\$2,000.00	\$2,150.00
Core Life 100+	\$3,250.00	\$3,500.00
Industry Support 1-10	\$375.00	\$400.00
Industry Support 11-30	\$650.00	\$700.00
Industry Support 31-59	\$1,300.00	\$1,500.00
Industry Support 60+	\$1,600.00	\$2,000.00
Corporate Member Silver	\$6,000	\$6,500.00
Corporate Member Gold	\$15,000.00	\$16,500.00
Corporate Member Plat	\$25,000.00	\$27,500.00

Upcoming Life Sciences Events



Prairie Bioeconomy Guild

January 10, 2024

On January 10th, join us for our monthly Prairie Bioeconomy Guild.

Join Michael Chae, PHD to learn more about, "Waste Not, Make lots... Agri-food Waste Enhancement in NAIT Applied Research."

Register here now.



2024 Policy Forum

March 5, 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On March 5th, join us for our annual Policy Forum to be held at The Westin Edmonton.

Our panel topics will include:

- mRNA and the Future of Therapeutics Tools to Improve the Health of Albertans.
- Canadian CEO Panel Medical Technology and the Future of Health Innovation – in collaboration with MEDTECH Canada.
- Sessions on overcoming the data challenge, Real World Evidence, and more.

See here for details.



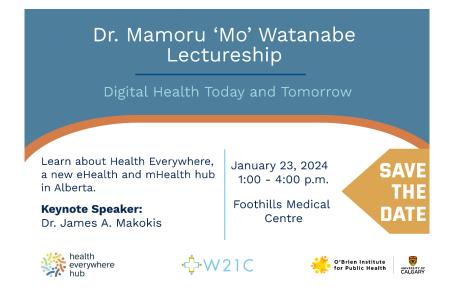
Health and Life Sciences Showcase

September 26, 2024

We will be back September 2024 with our Annual Health and Life Sciences Showcase!

Here's a glimpse from our 2023 25th Anniversary special HLSS event:





Dr. Mamoru Watanabe Lectureshi

January 23, 2024

This event honours Dr. Mamoru 'Mo' Watanabe, who joined the University of Calgary's Faculty of Medicine (now named Cumming School of Medicine) to serve as professor and head of internal medicine in 1974. Dr. Watanabe served as dean of the Faculty of Medicine from July 1982 until June 1992, and is believed to be the first Japanese Canadian dean of a Canadian medical school. He passed away July 5, 2023, at the age of 90.



Startup TNT

January 15, 2024

If you're a startup from Alberta, Saskatchewan, or Manitoba, this third annual Life Sciences Sector Summit is an amazing opportunity to raise capital for your business.

Deadline: January 15, 2024

See details here.



Digital Innovation in Clean Energy (DICE)

Alberta Innovates is announcing \$2.5 million in new funding through the Digital Innovation in Clean Energy (DICE) program.

The DICE program supports the development of digital technologies that create value and jobs while reducing emissions in the energy sector.

Deadline: February 1, 2024



7th Canadian Glycomics Symposium and The 10th Warren Workshop

May 27-29, 2024

This 10th Workshop in 2024 will be held in Edmonton, Alberta (Canada) alongside 2024 Canadian Glycomics Symposium, and will include sessions on glycan arrays, Standardization of data in glycomics, machine learning and artificial intelligence in glycoinformatics, qualitative and quantitative analysis of glycans and glycoconjugates, and integration of resulting information.

See details here.



2023 Alberta Technology Deal Flow Study & Health and Life Science Survey

This Study is an authoritative source used by Canadian and international investors, and Provincial and Federal policy makers to determine where they should invest and allocate resources. Therefore, your cooperation in completing this survey is vital to ensuring that governments base their policies on comprehensive and reliable information. Representative participation from all areas of the province and all fields of technology innovation is critical, regardless of company phase of development or level of commercialization.



2023-2024 National Compensation Guide

Do you have questions about what a competitive compensation package looks like for your team? Would you like to order one?

Contact Christy@bioalberta.com to learn how you can purchase at a BioAlberta member discounted price.



NeuroSpark Grants

NeuroSpark Innovation Grants offer financial support to individual, business and/or company projects with novel ideas, technologies, or approaches that have the potential to advance the understanding and translation of neuroscience research, reducing the burden of brain disorders while driving economic growth and diversification in Alberta.



Applications Now Open for Health Technology Innovation Program

The Health Technology Innovation Program by ST Innovations, supported by the Alberta Innovates Economic Development Partnership Program, is now open for applications for the 2024 cycle.

See details here.

Talent Hub



BioAlberta members have access to BioTalent Canada's job board, The PetriDish. Members can post five FREE jobs annually.

See details here.



Igniting the bio-economy's brainpower

Active PROGRAMS & SUBSIDIES

Wage Subsidy programs provide financial support to bio-economy employers to reduce the risk of hiring talent.

See active programs here.

Read, **Biosciences Booster**. This document highlights Student Work Placement Program (SWPP).

In the news...

BIOSENTA ANNOUNCES PRIVATE PLACEMENT FINANCING

Biosenta Inc. ("Biosenta" or the "Company") (CSE: ZRO) is pleased to announce a non-brokered private placement financing (the "Offering") of 1,250,000 units of the Company (the "Units"), for aggregate gross proceeds of \$500,000.

Read full press release here.



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