



# bio buzz

Association for Life Sciences Industry

## Stay Updated on News and Events in Alberta’s Life Sciences Scene with BioBuzz!

Welcome to the first April edition of BioBuzz! In this issue, we cover upcoming events, industry highlights, news, and more. Stay informed about the latest advancements and opportunities shaping Alberta’s life sciences sector.

Estimated Reading Time: 5 minutes

Survey Closes April 14

Life Sciences in Alberta  
**State of the Industry 2025**

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**BE COUNTED**

**Deadline Extended**

## LAST CHANCE: The 2025 Alberta Life Sciences State of the Industry report survey closes April 14th

This is your last chance to contribute to the State of the Industry 2025 Report, the most comprehensive report on Alberta's life sciences sector, to define the economic impact of the sector and the barriers and opportunities your company is facing.

[Take the survey now](#)

Your input is important; complete the survey before it closes on **Monday, April 14**.

If you have any questions, please call Amanda Stadel, Manager, Industry Development, BioAlberta at [780.425.3802](tel:780.425.3802). Alternatively, you may contact Reise O'Hara, Manager of Public Affairs, MNP at [reise.ohara@mnp.ca](mailto:reise.ohara@mnp.ca).

Please complete the survey by **5:00 PM MST on April 14, 2025**.

### Nominations are Open



**BioAlberta 2025  
Achievement Awards  
NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!**

 **Company of the Year**       **Vista Award**

 **Technology Innovation Award**

Submit your nominations by  
May 16, 2025

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### Nominations Open: BioAlberta Annual Achievement Awards

Shine a spotlight on Alberta's trailblazers by nominating a deserving individual or organization for Company of the Year, Vista Award, or Technology Innovation. These prestigious awards, chosen by the BioAlberta Awards Committee, will be presented at

the Health and Life Sciences Showcase Gala Dinner on September 25th. Don't miss the chance to celebrate outstanding achievements in our industry.

Submit your nominations by [May 16, 2025](#), and help recognize the leaders shaping the future of Alberta's bioscience sector.

[Nominate Now](#)

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## **ASTech Nominations Deadline - April 30 - Nominate Now**

Across the province, entrepreneurs, researchers, and tech companies are making a global impact—these are precisely the stories we aim to celebrate through the ASTech Awards. Self-nominations and nominations by others accepted.

Submit your nominations by [April 30, 2025](#), and help us celebrate and elevate Alberta's brightest minds.

[Nominate Now](#)

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## **Industry Highlights**

### **An Introduction to BIO Partnering™ and Key Strategies for Success at the BIO International Convention**

Going to BIO in June? New to BIO's Partnering Platform? Watch this video tutorial to understand the basics of BIO Partnering.

[Watch the video here](#)

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## **Ontario Releases Procurement Restriction Policy in Response to U.S. Tariffs**

In response to U.S. tariffs on Canadian products, the Ontario government has released its Procurement Restriction Policy (Policy) which is designed to restrict United States (U.S.) headquartered businesses from accessing public sector procurements in Ontario.

Ontario's full Procurement Restriction Policy can be found [here](#).

The policy's implementation guide can be found [here](#).

FAQs on the policy can be found [here](#).

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## **Voyageur Pharmaceuticals Completes Human Testing – Prepares for Canadian Market Launch**

Voyageur Pharmaceuticals has successfully completed human testing for their Health Canada-licensed barium contrast media suite, setting the stage for their Canadian market launch and global expansion

[Read the press release here](#)

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## **BioLife Solutions Acquires PanTHERA CryoSolutions Inc.**

PanTHERA is proud to announce that BioLife Solutions, Inc. has acquired all outstanding shares of the company, and will be incorporating PanTHERA's intellectual property, operations and products into its portfolio of biopreservation technologies.

[Read the press release here](#)

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## **Bausch Health, Canada Inc. and the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance sign letter of intent for public drug plan coverage of PrCABTREO™ treatment for acne vulgaris**

The letter of intent means Bausch Health, Canada Inc. can now proceed to finalizing individual listing agreements for CABTREO to be covered by each of Canada's government drug plans, including those of all provinces and territories and the federal government (including plans for veterans and Indigenous peoples).

[Read the press release here](#)

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## **BioAro Inc. and Northern RNA Inc. Join Forces**

BioAro Inc. and Northern RNA Inc. have officially signed an MOU, marking the beginning of a powerful strategic collaboration to advance clinical trials using cutting-edge RNA technologies- including mRNA, miRNA, and siRNA.

[Read more here](#)

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## **Upcoming Events**

PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD

# BE SPONTANEOUS: A LOOK AT SPONTANEOUS BREWING TECHNIQUE



**DOUG CHECKNITA,**  
HEAD BREWER AND BLENDER @ BLIND ENTHUSIASM  
BREWING COMPANY



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**ERIN**  
EDMONTON REGIONAL  
INNOVATION NETWORK  
BRIDGING INNOVATION

POWERED BY  
ALBERTA INNOVATES

📅 Wednesday, May 14, 2025 • 5pm to 7pm

📍 Brewsters (Mezz Room), 11620 104 Ave



**BLIND ENTHUSIASM**  
BREWING COMPANY

May 14, 2025

## Prairie Bioeconomy Guild: Blind Enthusiasm Brewing Company

On Wednesday, [May 14, 2025](#), from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Brewsters Unity Square in Edmonton, BioAlberta will host the Prairie BioEconomy Guild, featuring a special presentation by Doug Checknita Head Brewer and Blender @ Blind Enthusiasm Brewing Company .

The presentation covers an overview of modern Spontaneous Fermentation beer making techniques and the role different microorganisms and chemistry play in the process and formation of these unique beers.

[Register today](#)

April 25, 2025

## Capturing Canada's Clinical Trials Opportunity: A Path to Better Outcomes

Canada is a global leader when it comes to conducting high-impact clinical trials. But the global competition for trials is intense – and Canada needs to up its game to solidify its position as a world leader.

Join the Resilient Healthcare Coalition on Friday, April 25th at 12:00p.m. EST when they'll bring together some leading voices from Canada's clinical trials ecosystem

[Register here](#)

The poster features a woman in a lab coat with her hands raised in a gesture of excitement or presentation. The background is dark with bokeh light effects. The text is centered and reads: 'GLOBAL MEDTECH Showcase' in large white letters, with 'Showcase' in a script font. Below that, it says 'COMPANY APPLICATION TO PITCH'. At the top left is the 'One Six 8 Ventures' logo. At the bottom, a row of logos is labeled 'EVENT PARTNERS'.

One Six 8 Ventures

GLOBAL  
MEDTECH  
Showcase

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April 28, 2025

## Ready to Showcase Your Life-Saving Technology to a Global Audience?

One Six 8 Ventures presents the Global MedTech Showcase on April 28, 2025 - connecting breakthrough medical technologies with international investors, healthcare leaders, and industry experts from around the world.

They are seeking:

- Early-stage medtech companies developing life-saving technologies
- Seed to Series A stage preferred
- Medical device focus
- Companies from any region globally are welcome to apply!

[Apply Now](#)

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April 30, 2025

**Alberta researchers, find out if Lab2Market Validate is a fit for you.**

Virtual Info Session: April 30, 10:00-11:00 MT

Lab2Market Validate gives researchers the opportunity to critically test and evaluate their ideas in the entrepreneurial landscape. This carefully curated 16-week experience is complemented by \$10,000 in funding, exercises, workshops, and mentorship from industry experts..

[Register here](#)

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May 8, 2025

**Canada's Medtech Conference 2025**

Don't Miss Out! Register NOW for Canada's Medtech Conference 2025, May 8th 2025. Participate in live & on-demand sessions. Connect with health system leaders, government representatives and key stakeholders.

[Register here](#)

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May 25-30, 2025

## **The 27th International Glycoconjugate Symposium (Glyco27)**

Glyco27 is being jointly hosted with the Canadian Glycomics Symposium at the Edmonton Convention Centre during May 25-30, 2025.

Previous iterations of Glyco27 have been hosted in different cities worldwide, bringing together over 500 researchers and industry professionals from across the world. This year is the first time that the symposium will be held in Alberta, and it has not been hosted in Canada since 1991, presenting an exciting opportunity to highlight Alberta's strengths in life sciences and biotechnology.

[Register here](#)

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September 22-26, 2025

**Get Involved at Life Sciences Week 2025!**

Life Sciences Week is Alberta's premier celebration of our thriving life sciences sector, highlighting the province's ability to drive groundbreaking discoveries, develop cutting-edge innovations and cultivate top-tier talent. By fostering education, collaboration and innovation, this event attracts global attention to Alberta's leadership in the Canadian life sciences landscape

[Apply to be a Presenter](#)

[Submit an Event](#)

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## Industry Support



### **Are you concerned about whether your total compensation is competitive in attracting and retaining top talent?**

Pre-order BioTalent Canada's 2024-2025 National Compensation Guide today for \$250 to get the insights you need to attract and retain top talent for your team. Order now and receive a free job posting on The PetriDish™—your extra edge in hiring—while you prepare for the new year.

Email Soufiane at [info@biotalent.ca](mailto:info@biotalent.ca) to order your copy.

A discount code is available exclusively for BioAlberta members. Please contact Christy at [christy@bioalberta.com](mailto:christy@bioalberta.com) for more information.

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## NIHR Funding Opportunities

The following new funding opportunities are available:

- [Themed Calls](#)

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