



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

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

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



Company of the Year



Vista Award



Technology Innovation Award

Submit your nominations by
May 16, 2025

Nominate Now: 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.

Submit your nominations by **May 16, 2025**, and help recognize the leaders shaping the future of Alberta's bioscience sector.

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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.

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Industry Highlights

Inside Alberta's growth in the Biotech and Health Innovation Ecosystem

Alberta has played a powerful role in treatments for diabetes, cardiac care, and viruses — work that has changed lives around the world. But outside the sector, many don't know that life sciences is becoming one of the province's biggest bets for the future.

“One of Alberta’s challenges is we’re quiet, and we should be a little more bold on the world stage,” says Robb Stoddard, president and CEO of BioAlberta.

[Read more here](#)

48Hour Discovery Pioneers Late-Stage Peptide Reshaping to Advance Drug Discovery

New Research Led by 48Hour Discovery Scientists Enables Efficient Conversion of Macrocycles into Bicyclic Peptides.

[Read the press release here](#)

NanoSpeed Diagnostics Receives Health Canada Approval for Test4D Test

NanoSpeed Diagnostics Inc. is pleased to announce that Health Canada has approved Test4D Serum which is indicated to be used to detect Vitamin D in blood serum.

[Read the press release here](#)

Medical Device Companies Granted Relief from Federal Tariffs

Canada’s Minister of Finance announced that the government would provide a temporary 6-month tariff exemption for imported U.S. goods essential for Canadian

manufacturing related to food packaging, health care, public safety, and national security to allow for businesses time to adjust supply chains

[Read more here](#)

Nanostics Launches Clinical Study for AI-Powered ClarityDX Prostate Test for Aggressive Cancer Detection

The first participant has been enrolled this month in a clinical utility study by Nanostics aimed at measuring the impact of incorporating ClarityDX Prostate into the standard of care for the early detection of prostate cancer.

[Read more here](#)

How API's Commitment to IDEA is Fueling Innovation and Growth

API's IDEA initiatives didn't just transform internal culture—they strengthened the company's competitive edge in tangible ways. By fostering an environment where diverse perspectives fuel collaboration and problem-solving, API has accelerated innovation and brought solutions to market faster.

[Read more here](#)

Upcoming Events

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AT BIO INTERNATIONAL



MODERATOR:

Maximizing your impact at BIO International and other partnering events



Jaspreet Grewal
Founder of Axialbridge and Clinical Research Association of Canada. BioAlberta Co-Chair

PANELISTS:



Ernesto Chanona
CEO, American Business Development



Sid Gunamali
Lead, Industry Engagement, Health & Life Sciences, Office of the Vice President of Research, University of Calgary



Brent Korte
Founder, Brent Korte Consulting

Monday, April 28, 2025

9:00 am MT

Microsoft Teams Webinar

#AlbertaBIO2025

April 28, 2025

Business Development at BIO International (Webinar)

Join us Monday, April 28, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM for a practical conversation on how to maximize your impact at BIO International and other partnering events. Our panel of experienced industry professionals will share strategies, tips, and real-world insights on navigating partnering platforms, securing meaningful meetings, and maximizing business development opportunities.

Perfect for first-time attendees and seasoned delegates alike.

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PRIVACY HORIZON LUNCH & LEARN

Navigating the Innovation Wave:
Balancing Technological Advancements
and Privacy



THURSDAY MAY 1, 2025



TEAMS WEBINAR



12:00 - 1:00 PM MT

Presented by:



Speaker

Patrick Lo
CEO,
Privacy Horizon

May 1, 2025

Navigating the Innovation Wave: Balancing Technological Advancements and Privacy (Lunch & Learn)

On Thursday, [May 1, 2025](#), from [12:00 PM](#) to [1:00 PM](#) Patrick Lo of Privacy Horizon leads a virtual BioAlberta Lunch & Learn.

Join us for this insightful session where we'll explore the evolving relationship between privacy and innovation in health and life sciences and provide practical strategies for ensuring compliance without stifling progress.

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PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD

BE SPONTANEOUS: A LOOK AT SPONTANEOUS BREWING TECHNIQUE



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Wednesday, May 14, 2025 • 5pm to 7pm

Brewsters (Mezz Room), 11620 104 Ave



BLIND ENTHUSIASM
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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.

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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. 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.

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