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

Welcome to the first May 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.

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Nominate Now

Submit Your Nominations by May 16: 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.

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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](#)

A distinguished University of Alberta neurologist devotes himself to reversing Alzheimer's memory loss

Dr. Jack Jhamandas, 73, puts off retirement to find a treatment for a disease that is the most common cause of dementia in Canada.

[Read more here](#)

Support for Canadian exporters faced with U.S. tariffs

Information, tools, and support to help your business navigate the tariffs imposed on Canada by the United States.

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Former Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Mark Joffe speaks out on why Albertans should care about measles

There is a global resurgence of measles. It is a highly infectious and serious disease, and entirely preventable. Alberta's current outbreak of measles, affecting mostly children, should concern us all. Canada should be contributing to international elimination efforts. Alberta could prevent the spread of measles within our borders.

[Read more here](#)

Congratulations to the outstanding researchers who were awarded Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) grants!

Seventeen U of A Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry projects received NSERC Discovery grants including early-career researchers Justin Di Trani, Jason Northey and Vanessa Meier-Stephenson.

[Read more here](#)

Alberta's government is expanding measles immunization access

Alberta launches a province-wide awareness campaign and expanded access to measles immunizations. The *Don't get measles. Get Immunized* awareness campaign is launching in mid-May across radio, print, digital, and social media.

[Read more here](#)

Health Research Foundation's 2025 Diversity And Equity In Research Award Nominations Now Open

The Diversity and Equity in Research Award recognizes outstanding individuals whose work advances equitable participation in health research and access to health care in Canada, improving the well-being of all Canadians, particularly those deserving equity.

[Read more and submit a nomination here](#)

Upcoming Events

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

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.

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