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Association for **Life Sciences** Industry

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

Welcome to the first January 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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Industry Highlights



Dr. Lorne Tyrrell: Companion of the Order of Canada

Congratulations to long-time BioAlberta member and Alberta Bioindustry Hall of Fame member Dr. Lorne Tyrrell for his appointment to **Companion of the Order of Canada!**

An appointment to Companion of the Order of Canada recognizes outstanding achievement and merit of the highest degree, especially in service to Canada or to humanity at large.

[Read more](#)

[See all appointees](#)

37th Annual ASTech Awards Open for Nominations

The ASTech Awards (Alberta Science and Technology Leadership Awards) recognize key contributors to Alberta's innovation ecosystem, including companies, entrepreneurs, and researchers. They provide inspiration and motivation by acknowledging the hard work and success of industry champions.

[Read more](#)

AbbVie Receives Health Canada Approval for the Treatment of Acute Hepatitis C Virus

AbbVie announced that Health Canada has approved MAVIRET (glecaprevir/pibrentasvir tablets) for the treatment of acute and chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection in adults and pediatric patients 3 years of age and older. It is the first and only oral eight-week pan-genotypic treatment option approved in Canada.

[Read more](#)

Upcoming Events

PRAIRIE BIOECONOMY GUILD

TOUR OF THE BIO PROCESSING INNOVATION CENTRE


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 Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2026 • 5pm to 7pm
 BPIC, 5520 36 St NW



January 14, 2026

Tour of the Bio Processing Innovation Centre

Join BioAlberta for a tour of the Bio Processing Innovation Centre! BPIC is a 10,000 sqft pilot facility providing essential product development and scale-up support to the growing bioeconomy.

Capacity is limited for this tour. Only a few spots left!

[Register today.](#)



WEBINAR
KWAN BUSINESS

INTRODUCING THE NEW
AGE IN BUSINESS SUPPORT

THURSDAY, JAN 15TH AT 1:30 PM MST



MIKE DUNN
Growth Strategist
Speaker



www.kwan.business

January 15, 2026

Introduction to Kwan Business

Join this exclusive webinar introducing Kwan Business, the platform designed to empower entrepreneurs at every stage of their journey—from concept to growth to exit.

[Register today.](#)



NAVIGATING THE FUTURE:

AI AND EMERGING TRENDS FOR DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS IN LIFE SCIENCES

 January 28
3pm - 5pm

 10180 101 St NW
Edmonton

 **FREE PANEL AND NETWORKING EVENT**

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January 28, 2026

Navigating the Future of AI and Emerging Trends in Life Sciences

Join BioAlberta, Chubb, and Marsh for Navigating the Future of AI and Emerging Trends in Life Sciences, an in-person panel discussion and cocktail hour designed for directors, officers, and senior leaders in the sector.

[Register today](#)

Lean Derisking: Taking Your Proof of Concept to the Clinic

February 24, 2026 | 12 - 1 pm EST



Sir Michael Houghton
Chief Scientific Officer, API



Dr. Launa Aspeslet
Chief Translational Officer, API



Dr. Daren Ure
Executive Scientist, Discovery & Early Development, API



Dr. Daniel Trepanier
Executive Scientist, Preclinical Development, API

February 24, 2026

Learn Derisking: Taking your Proof of Concept to the Clinic

Taking an early proof of concept into preclinical and clinical development is a costly and complex process. But there are strategic ways to streamline the process and reduce risk and costs.

[Register today](#)

March 5, 2026

Annual Policy Forum

BioAlberta's Policy Forum on **March 5, 2026** at the Westin Edmonton will bring together leaders from across Alberta's life sciences ecosystem to discuss trade, talent, and patient-centred innovation.

Sponsorship is a powerful way to secure your place in the conversation, elevate your visibility, and be recognized as an industry leader in Alberta's health innovation community.

This year's Policy Forum will feature panels on themes that span the life sciences sector, including:

- US Trade Policy: Implications of Trump Policies on Alberta's Health and Innovation Ecosystem
- Building Future Ready Talent and Human Capacity
- Impacting Patients through Monitoring and Early Detection of Disease

[Learn more](#)

Industry Support

Save 50% on Customized Biomanufacturing Training

Thanks to the CASTL BioWorks subsidy (funded by Upskill Canada and the Government of Canada), companies can save 50% on CASTL's customized training programs.

[Read more](#)

Alberta Export Expansion Program

The Alberta Export Expansion Program (AEEP) supports Alberta's small- and medium-sized enterprises, industry associations, Indigenous organizations, economic

development organizations that promote Alberta exports through international travel to formal outbound trade events.

[Read more](#)

Call for Proposals: Non-Dilutive Funding Available

VITAL is an accelerator hub in the U.S. Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) Accelerator Network (BAN). The BAN fosters the growth of the global health security innovation ecosystem by supporting early-stage companies to overcome their business, marketing, and operational hurdles.

[Read the program overview](#)

[Read the one-pager](#)

[Read more](#)

NIHR Funding Opportunities

The following new funding opportunities are available:

- [Early action and prevention within Health and Social Care Services](#)
- [Pre-Application Support Fund \(Cohort 7\)](#)
- [Shaping and supporting the health, public health and social care workforce of the future](#)
- [Themed Calls](#)

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