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**Dr. Roger Beachy to discuss agriculture, innovation at Ag-West Bio Annual Meeting Thursday,  
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Saskatoon, SK: Ag-West Bio invites its members - and anyone interested in growing Saskatchewan's bioeconomy - to its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting this afternoon.

A keynote address by Dr. Roger Beachy, President Emeritus for the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center in St. Louis, Missouri will follow the annual meeting. Dr. Beachy was appointed Director of the U.S. National Institute of Food and Agriculture by President Barack Obama, a role he held until this spring. He is known as a pioneer in genetic modification of plants, and is considered an expert in the field. His presentation is entitled "Ensuring Innovation to Sustain a Vibrant Agriculture Economy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

MP Randy Hoback will bring greetings on behalf of the Government of Canada, and Alanna Koch, Deputy Minister of Saskatchewan Agriculture, will provide a Provincial perspective in her presentation "Building Prosperity through Biotech Innovation."

**The details:**

Ag-West Bio Annual Meeting  
September 15, 2011  
TCU Place – Gallery B/C  
Registration 1:30pm  
Annual Meeting at 2:00pm  
Networking to follow at 4:30pm  
*\*Media feed will be available*

The Annual Meeting leads into **National Biotech Week** with the InterVac Grand Opening serving as the National Launch. The next few weeks provide some great opportunities to showcase the science strengths of Saskatchewan.

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