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Saskatchewan celebrates local innovation during Global Biotech Week, September 23-29, 2019

Saskatoon, SK – Make root beer, watch a movie, or attend a science café to learn about biotechnology while sipping a locally-made craft beer. Global Biotech Week 2019 is all about fun and informative events.

“Biotechnology gives us life-saving medicines, earth-friendly products, and nutritious crops like canola and lentils that deliver billions of dollars to the Canadian economy every year. It benefits every aspect of our lives. Saskatchewan’s contributions are extensive and worth celebrating,” says Wilf Keller, Ag-West Bio president and CEO

The Government of Saskatchewan and the Cities of Regina and Saskatoon have proclaimed September 23 to 29 as Global Biotech Week. The bioscience community is celebrating with networking and public outreach activities. Ag-West Bio, Saskatchewan’s bioscience industry association, coordinates events with the help of a local committee.

Keller adds that Saskatchewan has a culture of innovation that goes back decades, a topic he will explore in his talk at a luncheon on September 23rd that will feature Saskatchewan food ingredients.

Saskatoon events

- Sept. 23 - Taste of Innovation Luncheon with guest speaker Dr. Wilf Keller
- Sept. 23 - Innovation Place company tours (Contango, Co.Labs and Nutrien)
- Sept. 23/25/27 - Canadian Light Source special evening tours
- Sept. 24 - Unbelievable! Science communication for a skeptical world: Lunch n' Learn with Michael Robin
- Sept. 24 - Unearthing our history: linking soil & settlement: Café Scientifique with Dr. Melissa Arcand
- Sept. 25 - CropLife Canada Confident Conversations workshop
- Sept. 25 - Letting nature lead the way: restoring arctic and alpine ecosystems: Public lecture by Dr. Katherine Stewart
- Sept. 25 - Good bugs: Using fermentation to make root beer at Nutrien Wonderhub
- Sept. 26 - The Amazing Biotech Race
- Sept. 26 - Trivia Night
- Sept. 27 - Biotech & Beer networking event
- Sept. 28 - 50th anniversary celebration for Saskatchewan Polytechnic's BioScience Technology Program

Regina events

- Sept. 24 - Let's Talk GMOs: Science Café with Dr. Jon McPhetres
- Sept. 24 - CropLife Canada Confident Conversations workshop
- Sept. 24-29 - Biotech Tools: Saskatchewan Science Centre Makerspace Activity
- Sept. 25 - *Before the Plate* film screening at Kramer IMAX theatre, Saskatchewan Science Centre

For event details, please visit globalbiotechweeksask.ca/events.html

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About Global Biotech Week:

Originating in Canada in 2003, Biotech Week is now recognized around the world as Global Biotech Week. Events scheduled throughout the United States, Europe, Australia, and Canada highlight the innovation and creativity of life science researchers. BIOTECanada spearheads Global Biotech Week in collaboration with partners from across Canada. To learn more about Global Biotech Week around the world, visit globalbiotechweek.ca.

About Ag-West Bio:

Ag-West Bio is Saskatchewan's bioscience industry association. The company works as a catalyst for developing partnerships and industry growth in the bioeconomy through investments, aiding strategic alliances, and providing business planning support, regulatory advice and communications. Funding for Ag-West Bio is provided by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada's Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) program, with support from Western Economic Diversification Canada and the National Research Council-Industrial Research Assistance Program. More information is at www.agwest.sk.ca.