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## Canada's main event for advanced biofuels coming to Montreal



**Thursday, July 9, 2015.** [BioFuelNet Canada](#), the nation's largest research network on advanced biofuels, will host its annual [Advanced Biofuels Symposium, July 22-24<sup>th</sup>, 2015](#). The Symposium takes place in downtown **Montreal** at the Omni Hotel, and is proud to be an entirely carbon neutral event. The Advanced Biofuels Symposium takes place just after the BIO World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology also happening in Montreal.

Notable Canadian and international multi-disciplinary experts in the energy field will be attending to provide insight on **advanced biofuels in a shifting energy landscape**, this year's symposium theme. This is a nod to the global shift towards renewable energy moving into high gear, but also to petroleum prices that continue to be very unstable.

"This year's meeting comes at a critical time for our industry. Over the past year, there have been truly exciting developments with the final commissioning of our continent's first advanced biofuels production facilities by Enerkem, Abengoa, DuPont and others. However, this is happening amidst the most volatile fuel and energy backdrop in recent memory." says president and Scientific Director of BioFuelNet, Dr. Donald L Smith.

Important stakeholders in academia, industry and government are attending the symposium to discuss key issues related to the development of the advanced biofuels industry. Presentations will cover key areas, such as the development of low-cost sustainable feedstocks, aviation biofuels, national and international policy, biofuels economics and its commercialization.

This year, BioFuelNet is glad to have North America's top biofuel advocate, Jim Lane, Editor & Publisher of Biofuels Digest, Biobased Digest, BioPower Digest, 50 Hottest Companies in Bioenergy (etc.), as the keynote speaker.

This Symposium also enhances coordination of research efforts in Canada, and fosters new ideas for research, collaboration and business development, in order to pave a sustainable path toward the commercialization of advanced biofuels.

**About BioFuelNet**

BioFuelNet Canada (BFN) is an integrated community of academic researchers, industry partners and government representatives who engage in collaborative initiatives to accelerate the development of sustainable advanced biofuels. BFN's activities expand far beyond academic research, extending to online courses and webinars, large-scale networking events, business-to-business matchmaking, investment tracking and intelligence, and policy consulting. The Network benefits from a \$25 million grant over 5 years (2012 to 2017) through the federal Networks of Centres of Excellence program

For more information, please see our website: [www.biofuelnet.ca](http://www.biofuelnet.ca)

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