

**08:00 WELCOME COFFEE & REGISTRATION**

**09:00 WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS**

Paul MacDonald, Co-Founder & MD, Bio Innovations Midwest

**09:10**

OPENING KEYNOTE  
FIRESIDE CHAT

**FROM TAX INCENTIVES TO MARKET ACCESS: UNLOCKING CLIMATE-SMART ACRES FOR THE CHEMICAL SECTOR**

Hosted by **Jessica Monserrate PhD**, Head of Sustainability North America, **BASF**  
**Johanne Wilson**, Project Manager, CO2 Management and Strategy, **BASF**  
**Dr. Steffen Mueller**, Vice-Chair, ISCC Board & Principal Economist, Energy Resources Center, **University of Illinois Chicago**  
**Harley Janssen**, Director, Outputs and Measurements, **National Corn Growers Association**

**09:40**

GUEST SPEAKER  
FIRESIDE CHAT

**HARNESSING BIO-SOLUTIONS TO CREATE HIGH-PERFORMING, SUSTAINABLE FORMULATED PRODUCTS**

Hosted by **Leo Stemp**, Head of Content, **Bio Innovations Midwest**  
**Alan Davies**, Senior Director - Chemicals & Surfactants R&D Leader, **P&G**

**10:00**

**THE JOURNEY TO CARBON NEUTRALITY: FROM RESPONSIBILITY TO STRATEGIC DIFFERENTIATION**

**Matt Dunn**, North American Sales Manager, **Primient Covation**

**10:15**

**THE ROUTE TO SUCCESSFUL SCALEUP IN INDUSTRIAL BIOTECHNOLOGY**

**Nico Snoeck**, Business Development Manager, **Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant**

**10:30**

**FROM SCALE-UP TO FULL-SCALE, LEARN HOW REAL-WORLD TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING EXPERTISE ENABLES THE NEXT GENERATION OF BIO INNOVATION FROM IDEA TO OPERATIONAL SUCCESS**

**Neal Jakel**, President, **Fluid Quip Technologies**

**10:45**

**FROM BOTTLENECK TO BREAKTHROUGH: CONTINUOUS FERMENTATION AND PREDICTIVE MODELING IN ACTION**

**Magdalena Stoeva**, Senior Manager, R&D, **Pow.Bio**

**11:00**

**NETWORKING COFFEE**

**11:45**

GUEST SPEAKER

**SUPPLIER PARTNERSHIPS IN U.S. BIOMANUFACTURING**

**Nate Stephens**, Colocation Product Line - New Colocation Development Lead, **Cargill**

**12:00**

**CHARTING THE FUTURE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY: AN ACTION PLAN FOR AMERICAN SECURITY AND PROSPERITY**

**Zeena Nisar**, Policy Advisor, **National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology**

**12:15**

**UNLOCKING THE MANUFACTURING POWER OF BIOLOGY: AI FOR ENGINEERING LIVING FACTORIES**

**Relly Brandman**, Moonshot Lead, **X, The Moonshot Factory**

**12:30**

**COMMERCIALIZING SUSTAINABLE FURAN BIO-BASED MATERIALS**

**Susan Zhu**, Global Marketing Director, **GS Biomats**

**12:45**

**AUTOMATION AS A GROWTH ENGINE: SCALING BIO-INNOVATION FROM PILOT TO PRODUCTION**

**Ed Tschan**, Business Development Leader, **Novaspect**  
**Valerie Aubley**, Business Development Manager, **Emerson**

**13:00**

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**14:30**

**ADDRESSING INFRASTRUCTURE GAPS TO ACCELERATE THE SCALEUP OF U.S. BIOMANUFACTURING**

**Chad Pastor**, Senior Manufacturing Development Lead, **BioMADE**

**14:45**

PANEL DISCUSSION

**MIDWEST: THE HEART(LAND) OF THE GLOBAL BIOECONOMY**

Hosted by **Ben Rhodes**, Executive Director, **Nebraska Ethanol Board**  
**Jan tenBensel**, **Nebraska Corn Farmer**  
**Billy Hagstrom**, CEO & Co-Founder, **Bluestem Biosciences**  
**Angela Consani**, CEO, **Bioscience Core Skills Institute**  
**Tim McAreavey**, Vice President of Customer Service and Public Affairs, **Omaha Public Power District**

**15:15**

**NETWORKING REFRESHMENTS**

**16:00**

**MEET THE INVESTORS: BRIDGING FUNDING GAPS TO ACCELERATE THE SCALEUP OF U.S. INDUSTRIAL BIOMANUFACTURING**

Hosted by **Leo Stemp**, Head of Content, **Bio Innovations Midwest**  
**Shelby Strattan**, Investment Manager, **Invest Nebraska**  
**Olga Polunina**, Managing Director - Sustainability Investment Banking, **Independence Point Advisors**  
**Veronica Breckenridge**, Founder & Managing Partner, **First Bight Ventures**  
**Zeena Nisar**, Policy Advisor, **National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology**

**16:30**

CONSIDER CORN  
CHALLENGE

**CORN CHALLENGE 5 WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

Hosted by **Sarah McKay**, Director of Research & Market Development, **National Corn Growers Association**

**17:00**

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