



**INTERNATIONAL
BIOENERGY**
CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION
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Conference Co-Host



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International delegates and speakers descend on Prince George next week

PRINCE GEORGE—The final program is set for the 6th International Bioenergy Conference and Exhibition.

Among the distinguished speakers taking part in the conference are B.C.'s Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations **Steve Thomson**, who will kickoff the conference with a welcome to participants in the International Partnerships Forum and Business-to-Business meetings on June 11, and **Shirley Bond**, B.C.'s Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour, who will provide the closing keynote presentation.

"The Province of BC has shown commitment to this conference, and we believe bookending the conference with two such key members of the government shows their commitment going forward to ensuring this industry remains a growth sector of the provincial economy," said **Michael Weedon**, executive director of conference co-host BC Bioenergy Network.

Other keynote presenters include **Chris Turner**, author of a number of books and a sought after speaker on sustainable energy, and Globe and Mail columnist **Jeffrey Simpson**.

"In my 25 years in the industry, I have met and worked with a number of the industry speakers we have attending this year, and this is one of the strongest programs we have put together in the 10-year history of the conference," said **John Swaan**, conference co-chair.

The global bioenergy industry is well-represented, with speakers from the U.S., Sweden, the U.K., New Zealand, as well as B.C., Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and the Northwest Territories, including:

- **Dr. William Strauss**, winner of the International Excellence in Bioenergy award in 2012;
- **Bruce Duguid** of the UK Green Investment Bank;
- **Matt Bovelander**, consultant with Indufor Asia Pacific and an expert on Asian markets;
- **Seth Walker**, industry economist with RISI;
- **Bengt-Erik Lofgren**, Swedish industry leader and CEO of AFAB;
- **Joseph Seymour**, head of the U.S.-based Biomass Thermal Energy Council;
- **Dave Peterson**, British Columbia's Chief Forester;
- **Gordon Murray**, of the Wood Pellet Association of Canada;
- **Ken Shields**, CEO of Conifex and Chairman of the Canadian Bioenergy Association;
- **Kerry Lige**, CEO of Fibreco;
- **Joseph Majka**, CEO of Aeon Energy Solutions
- **Deborah Elson**, from the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association;
- **Brent Boyko**, with Ontario Power Generation;
- **Josh Lieberman**, head of the American Biogas Council;
- **Karl Marietta**, vice-president with FVB Energy, Canada's leading district energy company.

The conference takes place at the Prince George Civic Centre June 11-13. It features almost 60 exhibitors, over 300 delegates and 43 speakers. Registration is still open.

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About the International Bioenergy Conference

The International Bioenergy Conference and Exhibition is Canada's largest and longest-running conference devoted to the global wood-based bioenergy sector.

The event provides opportunities for bioenergy experts, existing businesses and new entrants to come together to examine pathways to bio-prosperity. It connects bioenergy and bioproducts producers with fibre owners, suppliers and purchasers, as well as key players in the utility, transportation and logistics sectors.

Technology providers, equipment manufacturers, project developers and investors will be on hand to provide real-world solutions to operational issues. Local government leaders, provincial policy makers and research specialists round out a top-flight list of delegates representing decision-makers from across the industry.

The conference program will feature an international list of speakers presenting their expertise on a range of topics from the global to the local. Conference presenters will assess available resource and product streams, explore policy and sustainability issues, examine the outlook for markets and investments, and discuss leading-edge concepts and current applications in the bioenergy sector globally.

Delegates to the International Bioenergy Conference and Exhibition will network with:

- Existing and future bioenergy and bioproducts producers
- Fibre owners, suppliers and purchasers
- Technology service providers
- Equipment manufacturers
- Forestry and wood processing industry managers and executives
- Utility managers and executives
- Transportation and logistics experts
- International investors, suppliers and manufacturers
- Provincial policy makers
- Local government and First Nations leaders
- District energy implementers
- Economic development, finance and lending professionals
- Scientists, academics and researchers
- Forestry and bioenergy consultants
- And more...

About the International Partnerships Forum and B2B Meetings

The International Partnerships Forum and Business-to-Business meetings offer companies the opportunity to profile their business through a dedicated channel to a pre-qualified audience, establish new contacts and develop relationships internationally, pursue commercial opportunities in a semi-private business-focused setting, and share information and insights about leading-edge technologies, research and development and business opportunities.

By bringing together some of the world's leading bioenergy companies and organizations in an intensive, relationship-focused business environment for one day, participants will have the chance to get more done, more efficiently, and for less cost.