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New Technologies for Sustainable Production of Biofuels and Biobased Products To Be Introduced at Pacific Rim Summit

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (Thursday, July 17, 2008) - Companies and scientists will present research advances in sustainable biobased processes and products during the upcoming Pacific Rim Summit on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioenergy, Sept. 10-12 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Scheduled plenary speakers include Mike Burnside, president and CEO, Catchlight Energy, LLC, a Chevron-Weyerhaeuser Joint Venture formed in February 2008 to research and develop technology for converting cellulose-based biomass into economical, low-carbon biofuels. In 2007 Burnside was appointed project manager of the Chevron-Weyerhaeuser Biofuels Alliance in San Ramon, Calif. Prior to joining Catchlight Energy, he worked 33 years for Chevron and held a variety of assignments in manufacturing, planning and analysis, and finance functions.

Other sessions presenting advanced research and development for new fuels and chemicals include:

"The Path to a Sustainable Chemical Industry"

- **Jim Stoppert**, Segetis, Inc.
- **Sergey Selifonov**, Segetis, Inc.
- **Jim Millis**, Draths Corp.
- **Christopher Ryan**, NatureWorks, LLC

and

"Innovative Biodiesel Technologies"

- **Shulin Chen**, Washington State University
- **Zongbao Zhao**, Dalian Institute of Chemical Physics, Chinese Academy of Science
- **Tianwei Tan**, Beijing University

Media registration is now available online at <http://www.bio.org/ind/pacrim/08/mediaRegistration.asp>. Complimentary media registration is available to editors and reporters working full time for print, broadcast or

web publications. All programs at the Pacific Rim Summit on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioenergy are open to media. For additional information about speakers and sessions at the Pacific Rim Summit, visit <http://www.bio.org/ind/pacrim/08/>.

The Pacific Rim Summit is the only global conference dedicated to building innovative collaborations in industrial biotechnology across the Pacific. The conference is co-organized by BIO, BIOTECanada, and Life Sciences British Columbia with additional support provided by BC Innovation Council and Genome British Columbia. Media registration is complimentary for credentialed members of the news media.

The Advanced Biofuels & Climate Change Information Center presents the latest commentary and data on the environmental and other impacts of biofuel production. Drop in and add your comments, at <http://biofuelsandclimate.wordpress.com/>.

Upcoming BIO Events

[Pacific Rim Summit on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioenergy](#)

Sept. 10-12, 2008
Vancouver, BC

[BIO Investor Forum 2008](#)

October 29-31, 2008
San Francisco, CA

[BIO-Europe 2008](#)

November 17-19, 2008
Mannheim/Heidelberg, Germany

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