



PRESS RELEASE

Registration Sponsorship for Outstanding Poster Abstract Entries to the International Conference on 'Next Generation Technologies for Bioenergy and Biomass Utilization'

28 June 2012, Singapore - Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory (TLL) is pleased to announce the availability of a registration sponsorship, courtesy of Dr Michael Goutama, for students and post-doctorate to attend the International Conference on "Next Generation Technologies for Bioenergy and Biomass Utilization", which will be held at Holiday Inn Atrium, Singapore on the 2nd - 4th August 2012.

This international conference will feature scientists from all over the world, providing a platform for discussion and sharing of new technologies for both academia and industry players, thereby facilitating the interaction between R&D and business in the area of bioenergy and biomass utilization. The diverse topics covered will range from current scientific research on optimization of biomass resources, latest conversion technology platforms for next generation biofuels and biochemicals, to different business models for commercialization of biofuels.

"This international conference aims to promote development and adoption of clean and sustainable bioenergy and biomass utilization by bringing together professionals from a worldwide network and establishing a venue for information and knowledge exchange. We greatly appreciate Dr Michael Goutama's generosity with the sponsorship which will allow young researchers and students to benefit from attending this conference," said Professor Chua Nam Hai, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the conference.

Dr Michael Goutama, Director of Tridel Biosciences International Pte Ltd, has generously agreed in his personal capacity to sponsor the registration fees for outstanding students and post-doctorate to attend the international conference.

“I sincerely hope that the sponsorship will bring in more participation and awareness in biobased technologies and economy, in particular, in the research and development of bioenergy and biomass utilization and TLL's quest for advancing science and inspiring the future thereof,” said Dr Michael Goutama.

Students and post-doctorate from all over the world are encouraged to apply for the sponsorship by submitting an abstract before 10 July 2012. A total of 25 applications will be awarded the sponsorship on a competitive basis.

Another highlight of the event is a special tour to the *Jatropha* Research Station located in the North-West of Singapore where many elite varieties of *Jatropha curcas* developed by TLL /JOil scientists and will be showcased.

This international conference on “Next Generation Technologies for Bioenergy and Biomass Utilization” is held in conjunction with TLL’s 10th Anniversary, and is one of the key events which TLL is organizing to highlight the significant milestones which TLL has achieved in the field of life sciences. For more information on this international conference, please visit the conference website: www.ngtbiomass.org.

For students or post-doctorate researchers who wish to submit the abstract, please refer to <http://www.ngtbiomass.org/abstract-submission.php>

About Temasek Life Sciences Laboratory (TLL)

TLL is a non-profit organization established in 2002 to undertake cutting-edge research in molecular biology and genetics utilizing a broad range of model organisms. TLL is affiliated to the National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University. Our vision is to create an environment which can attract the brightest young minds worldwide, support their research and challenge them to be leaders in their own fields.

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