IFBC

International Forest Biorefining Conference

May 9-11, 2017

Best Western NorWester Hotel & Conference Centre, Thunder Bay, Ontario

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The Biorefining Research Institute (BRI) at Lakehead University is pleased to announce the first International Forest Biorefining Conference (IFBC) to be held in the heart of the Great Boreal Forest of Northern Ontario. Join us at the Best Western PLUS NorWester Hotel & Conference Center where you can enjoy Thunder Bay's gracious hospitality, exceptional amenities and breath-taking views while attending the conference. Visit **www.bwplusnorwester.com** for further information.

IFBC 2017 will provide an update of the latest advances in the field and serve as international forum for all who share the common goal of building the Forest Biorefinery as one of the main drivers for the emerging Low-Carbon Bioresource Economy, including academics, industry leaders, local and federal government officials. IFBC will help form interdisciplinary, research-industry and cross-sector alliances that are needed to accelerate innovation and R&D in Forest Biorefining. In addition to networking and exhibiting opportunities, participants will be offered a tour of biomass operation and a sights and city tour to give visitors a sample of what Thunder Bay has to offer. Instructions for abstract preparation and submission can be found on the IFBC conference website https://conferences.lakeheadu.ca/ifbc. Abstracts can be sent on-line or via email to admin.bri@lakeheadu.ca.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 30, 2016
1st Call for Papers

August 15, 2016
2nd Call for Papers

November 15, 2016
3rd Call for Papers

January 15, 2017
4th Call for Papers

January 31, 2017
Abstracts Due

March 1, 2017
Abstract Notification

May 1, 2017
Early Registration

After May 1, 2017
Late/On-site Registration

Three themes being investigated during this conference include:

BIOENERGY
The use of forest biomass for biofuels, heat and power generation.

BIOREFINING
The process of "refining" multiple products from forest biomass, including high-value biochemicals and biomaterials.

BIOECONOMY
Understanding the mechanisms and processes underpinning the economic activities derived from the exploitation of forest biomass, and their impact on the socio-economic fabric of our communities, regions, and nations.

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