



CREATING A MOVEMENT
2017 Indiana Agbioscience Innovation Summit
November 29, 2017 | JW Marriott – Indianapolis

- 9:00 a.m. **Registration Table Open** *White River Ballroom*
- 10:00 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Comments**
- Beth Bechdol – President and CEO, AgriNovus Indiana
- It's Happening Here!** – Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch
- 10:20 a.m. **The World is our Agbiosciences Stage** – The National Institute of Food and Agriculture provides leadership and funding for programs that advance agriculture-related sciences. NIFA applies an integrated approach to catalyze transformative discoveries, education, and engagement across sector lines to solve societal challenges
- Sonny Ramaswamy – Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture
- 11:00 a.m. **PANEL – Agbiosciences R&D Influencing the World**
- Moderator: David Broecker – Consultant and Entrepreneur
- Aaron Schacht – Vice President of Global Research & Development, Elanco Animal Health
 - Rainer Fischer – Chief Executive Officer and Chief Scientific and Innovation Officer, Indiana Biosciences Research Institute
 - Ali Shakouri – Director Birck Nanotechnology Center and Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Purdue University
 - Tyler Foxworthy – Chief Scientist, DemandJump
 - Monica Sorribas – Program Management Leader for Seeds Platform, Agriculture Division of DowDuPont
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH
- 12:20 p.m. **Geography is Not Dead – Place Matters!** – In *The Geography of Genius*, acclaimed travel writer Eric Weiner sets out to examine the connection between our surroundings and our most innovative ideas. He explores the history of places, like Vienna of 1900, Renaissance Florence, ancient Athens, Song Dynasty Hangzhou, and Silicon Valley, to show how certain urban settings are conducive to ingenuity.
- Eric Weiner – Author, *The Geography of Genius*



1:00 p.m. BREAK

1:20 p.m. **Courageous Leadership Critical to Innovation in Food** – Innovation is a given in the food and agricultural industries and will be critical to solving one of the biggest challenges facing the world – food security. What is needed most, however, is courageous leadership from a diverse group of stakeholders and partners – many outside of agriculture even – to ensure a sustainable future.

- Jeff Simmons – President, Elanco Animal Health

1:45 p.m. **PANEL – Creating Collisions by Crossing Sector Lines**

Moderator: Gerry Dick – Host of Inside INdiana Business

- John McDonald – CEO, ClearObject
- Rajan Gajaria – Vice President, Crop Protection Business Platform, Agriculture Division of DowDuPont
- John Lechleiter – Chairman Emeritus, Eli Lilly and Company
- Victor Mancinelli – Chairman and CEO, CTB, Inc.

2:45 p.m. BREAK

3:15 p.m. **Fueling Innovation, Attracting Talent, Building Community** – To attract the best talent to collaborate, innovate and commercialize new ideas across a spectrum of advanced industries we first must encourage innovation in open environments where collaboration occurs without barriers.

- Robert Coy – President & CEO, 16 Tech

3:45 p.m. **Entrepreneurs & Investors Colliding with Innovation** – A conversation connecting innovators with forward-thinking investment capital players about allocating capital, building partnerships and changing the landscape in the food and agriculture technology sectors.

Moderator: Greg Deason – Senior Vice President and Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Purdue University

- Chris LaMothe – CEO, Elevate Ventures
- Johnny Park – CEO and Founder, Spensa Technologies
- Jason Wrone – Partner and Vice President, Open Prairie Ventures
- Steve Kahn – Founder and CFO, NewLeaf Symbiotics



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- 4:30 p.m. **It's Time to Tell – Indiana is Ag + Bio + Science** - Indiana can lead the way in changing the conversation and perceptions about modern food and agricultural innovation.
- Gov. Eric Holcomb
- 4:40 p.m. **Closing Comments**
- Beth Bechdol – President and CEO, AgriNovus Indiana
- 5:00 - 6:30 **Reception**
Guests are invited to stay for a cocktail and networking reception following the conference.