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# 2022 SUMMIT

## ANNUAL MEETING

### Biotechnology

**10.11.2022**



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## Biotechnology

The biotech industry is rapidly evolving – and South Dakota is positioning itself to meet that future.

Increasingly, that means harnessing data and using it to help advance what is quickly becoming an information-driven industry.

The 2022 South Dakota Biotech Summit & Annual Meeting will equip you and your organization with the knowledge and relationships needed to succeed and partner with this next-generation industry.

From artificial intelligence to advances in agriculture and how cybersecurity is key to biotech's future, topics covered at the Summit will bring together national, regional and local thought leaders who will provide you with the insight you need in a field that will impact all of our futures.



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# schedule

**7:00–8:00 AM** EXHIBITOR SETUP  
**7:30–2:00 PM** REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN  
**8:00–8:15 AM**  
WELCOME **JONI EKSTRUM**  
*Executive Director – South Dakota Biotech*

**8:15–8:30 AM**  
PRESENTING SPONSOR SPEAKS  
**SDSU RESEARCH PARK**  
**BROOKINGS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**  
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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS  
**STEVE LEWIS**  
*Vice President of Innovation, POET  
President – South Dakota Biotech*

**8:30–9:30 AM**  
MORNING KEYNOTE – FIRESIDE CHAT  
**JULIE BORLAUG**  
*President – Norman Borlaug Foundation*

**9:30–10:15 AM**  
IMPACT IN AGRICULTURE – *Impact of Genetics and the Environment in the Future of Ag*

**DAVE BUBECK, Ph.D.**  
*Research Director-Seed Product Development, Corteva Agriscience*

**VERA BONARDI, Ph.D.**  
*BioAg Application Research Manager, Novozymes*

**MARK STOWERS, Ph.D.** – Moderator  
*Managing Director, The Global Bluefish Company LLC  
Board of Directors – South Dakota Biotech*

**10:15–10:45 AM** NETWORKING BREAK

**10:45–11:30 AM**  
IMPACT IN HEALTH – *Artificial Intelligence and Genomic Data Science in Prescriptive Healthcare*

**CASEY WILLIAMS**  
*Pharm.D., MBA, BCOP, FHOPA  
Chief Scientific Officer and Executive Director of Cancer Research  
Avera Cancer Institute | Avera McKennan Hospital and University Health Center*

**CASSIE HAJEK-BLOSL, M.D.**  
*Medical Director, Helix/Sanford Imagenetics*

**AARON HARMON, Ph.D.** – Moderator  
*General Manager, Inanovate*

**11:30–1:00 PM** LUNCHEON  
LUNCHEON KEYNOTE  
**KEVIN KEPHART, Ph.D.**  
*Deputy Director – USDA-NIFA*

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

**1:00–1:30 PM** NETWORKING BREAK

**1:30–2:15 PM**  
CLOSING KEYNOTE  
**JOSÉ-MARIE GRIFFITHS, Ph.D.**  
*President – Dakota State University  
Cybersecurity in the New Data-Driven Biotechnology World*

**2:15–2:45 PM** NETWORKING BREAK

**2:45–3:30 PM**  
IMPACT IN BIOPRODUCTS – *Impact of Climate Change and Lowering the Carbon Footprint on Fuels, Chemicals and Materials*

**ANDY CARLSON**  
*Plant Engineering Lead Net Zero-1 Facility, GEVO*

**CHRIS WAGNER**  
*Vice President of Engineering, Viaflex*

**DALE SORENSEN**  
*Chief Commercial Officer, CoverCress, Inc.*

**JEFF HEIKES** – Moderator  
*Senior Vice President of Research, POET*

**3:30 PM** CLOSING REMARKS  
**MEL USTAD, Ph.D.**  
*Vice President – South Dakota Biotech*

**4:00 PM** ANNUAL MEETING

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## Registration

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