

Biofuels Symposium Explores Biology and Business of Green Energy

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"The Biology and Business of Biofuels," a three-day meeting on the latest science, business and policy issues about biofuels, will be held Monday, Jan. 28, through Wednesday, Jan. 30, in the Hoffmann Auditorium of The Salk Institute on Torrey Pines Road in La Jolla.

Registration is required, but attendance is free for reporters, producers, and other representatives of the media. Registration includes lunch for all three days.

Hosted by UC San Diego's Environment and Sustainability Initiative and the San Diego Center for Molecular Agriculture, "The Biology and Business of Biofuels" will give journalists access to the world's leading experts on the next generation of biologically-based fuel. Biomass for fuels can be much cheaper and more plentiful than crude oil. But many experts question whether ethanol from crops can be America's future source for biofuels. A major focus of this conference will be biofuels beyond crops. Journalists will learn the latest information on advancements in producing fuels from cellulosic biomass such as wood chips and yard waste, as well as from innovative sources including algae and genetically-modified bacteria. Experts from industry will discuss taking the new generation of biofuels from lab to market.

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