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National biotech meeting to be held at Cornell, June 12-14

ITHACA, NY: The National Agricultural Biotechnology Council (NABC) will hold its 18th annual meeting at Cornell University, on the Ithaca and Geneva campuses, June 12-14.

The meeting, entitled "Agricultural Biotechnology: Economic Development through New Products, Partnerships and Workforce Development," will address the role universities, and state and federal governments play in developing and moving research into the marketplace.

"As land grant universities seek new ways to fulfill their mission of serving society in the 21st century, they are increasingly using modern science and biotechnology, which has led to new products, economic development and job creation-main economic development themes of governments throughout the world," says Anthony Shelton, Cornell entomology professor and chairman of the NABC 18 organizing committee. "How we bridge these themes to our evolving land grant mission is a central focus of NABC 18."

The meeting revolves around four sessions: NABC member institutions' success stories, the function and role of university-based research parks in economic development, an up-close look at a local research park, and bridging the gap from lab to commercial product. It features 19 speakers, ranging from the president of the China Agricultural University to consultants and developers of products in the Netherlands, India, Brazil, Germany and Canada, to the director of an agricultural technology park, as well as many others.

NABC is a not-for-profit consortium of 36 leading agricultural research and teaching governmental agencies/institutions/universities in the U.S. and Canada. It has been hosting annual public meetings about the safe, ethical and efficacious development of agricultural biotechnology products since its formation in 1988, and is committed to providing all stakeholders the opportunity to speak, listen and learn about issues surrounding agricultural biotechnology.

A fee of \$300 will apply for early bird registrants until May 10, after which the fee will increase to \$350. Student registration is \$200 until May 10, then \$250.

More information, including registration materials and student applications, can be found online at http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/ent/nabc/

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