



2nd GCN Workshop: Green Crops Today & Tomorrow Tentative Agenda

McGill University, Bronfman building, 1001 Sherbrooke W.

July 16th-17th 2009, Montreal Canada

Thursday July 16th, 2009

Time	Speakers	Topic
8:00 – 8:25	Registration (refreshments will be served)	
8:25- 8:35	Word from the GCN Director (Donald Smith)	
8:35 – 9:05	Terry McIntyre Senior Science Advisor -Biofuels and Renewable Energy-Science and Technology Integration Division-Environment Canada	
9:05 – 9:15	Health Break	
9:15- 11:50	Shawn Mansfield Department of Wood Science, University of British Columbia, Canada Robert Boddey Embrapa Agrobiologia, Seropédica, Brazil Meenakshi Munshi Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, India Tom Voigt Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois, USA	International perspectives on a sustainable biofuel bioeconomy
11:50 -12:50	Lunch	
12:50-13:20	Bert Drake Senior Scientist, Smithsonian Environmental Research Institute, Maryland, USA	
13 :20-14 :20	Lorna MacEachern Career Counsellor, McGill Career Planning Service , Canada	
14 :20-14 :30	Health Break.	
14:30-17:30	Field Trip (Normand Caron Farm, Valleyfield, Qc) Visit the 1 st farm in Quebec to grow switchgrass. Includes demonstration plots of big bluestem, indian grass and prairie sandreed. Mr. Caron is an on-farm cooperator with REAP-Canada in their breeding program to develop improved cultivars of warm season grass for thermal energy applications	
17:30	Return to McGill Downtown Campus	



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8:35 – 9:05	Olivier Voinnet Institut de Biologie Moléculaire des Plantes, Université de Strasbourg, Centre national de la recherche scientifique, Strasbourg, France. Recipient 2009 EMBO Gold Medal	
9:05 – 9:15	Health Break	
9:15- 11:15	Martin Reaney Saskatchewan Agriculture Chair of Lipid Quality and Utilization in the College of Agriculture and Bioresources, University of Saskatchewan, Canada	Insights into research planning
11:15 -11:25	Health Break	
11:25-11:55	Camil Lagace , President-Directeur General, Conseil Québécois du Biodiesel, Canada	
11:55-12:50	Lunch	
12:50-14:50	Mark Lefsrud Department of Bioresource Engineering, McGill University, Canada Sharon Shoemaker Executive Director, California Institute of Food and Agricultural Research (CIFAR), UC Davis, USA Jeffrey Bergthorson Department of Mechanical Engineering, McGill University, Canada	From Field to Production/Processing (Crop plant characteristics and their impact on downstream processing & use)
14:50-15:00	Health Break	
15:00-17:00	Brian Ellis Michael Smith Laboratories, University of British Columbia, Canada Peter McVetty Department of Plant Science, University of Manitoba, Canada	Plant Composition and Climate Change