

### Still on Schedule for Next Week



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**October 9-10, 2016: The 2nd North Carolina Marine Biotechnology and Seafood Symposium** will take place in the Hamner Conference Center at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center (NCBC) in Research Triangle Park, NC. The theme is **Reimagine the Future - Sustainable and Safe Seafood**. Alan Rebar, Vice Chancellor, Office of Research, Innovation & Economic Development at NC State University will give the Welcome Address at the Opening Reception on Sunday October 9, at the Double Tree by Hilton RDU Airport. Register online at: [Registration](#). For full details on the symposium,



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### Introducing The Plenary Interview at BioMarine

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**October 19-21, 2016: BioMarine Business Convention in Oslo, Norway** reveals a new format for the Plenary Session. **Deb Mosca, CEO, MBCOI**, will interview Veronica McGuire, Executive Director, Program, Regulatory and Trade Policy, Canadian Food Inspection Agency / Government of Canada regarding "**Regulatory Bottlenecks affecting Marine Products:**"

*Regulatory requirements for marine derived products vary greatly from rather stringent to over generous and even non-existent at the international level. Typically, agencies responsible for setting policies on pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals, or cosmeceuticals are separate from those that regulate food destined for human or animal consumption. We will identify issues that affect the timely approval of new marine related food products in Canada compared with other developed countries and explore ways to mitigate such regulatory bottlenecks.*

Please refer to the online [program](#) to find out more details about the topics, presenters, and sponsors. If you are interested in having MBCOI partner on your behalf with delegates from over 20 countries, please contact Deb Mosca ([dmosca@mbcoi.net](mailto:dmosca@mbcoi.net)).



**October 19-21, 2016: The International Conference on Mitigation Strategies for Emerging Infectious Diseases in Cali, Colombia**, will focus on the challenges and opportunities for rapid countermeasure development against emerging pathogens such as Zika, Ebola, Chikungunya and other pathogens. In the session entitled **"Applications of Genomics in Aquaculture"** **Roy Carter**, Sr. Director Development, MBCOI, will address a variety of topics such as discovery platforms to accelerate identification of known and unknown pathogen, host-pathogen molecular interactions and more to help ensure a safe, secure

seafood supply.

Please visit the conference [website](#) for additional information. **If you are interested having MBCOI partner on your behalf, please contact Roy Carter** ([rcarter@mbcoi.net](mailto:rcarter@mbcoi.net)).

### Funding Opportunities

#### Macroalgae Cultivation

The Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy (ARPA-E) intends to issue a new Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) in **November, 2016**, for the development of cultivation technologies for the production of macroalgal-biomass (seaweeds) in the ocean that dramatically reduce capital and operating cost of macroalgae cultivation, while significantly increasing the range of deployment by expanding into off-shore environments.



Read more about the ARPA [announcement](#).



#### One NC Small Business Program

The North Carolina Board of Science, Technology & Innovation announced that the One NC Small Business Program has been renewed and offers a maximum grant award of 50% of the Federal SBIR/STTR Program award to a NC small business, not to exceed \$65,000, for solicitation period July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 inclusive.

For additional eligibility requirements, please see the current solicitation, available at <http://www.nccommerce.com/sti/grant-programs/one-nc-small-business-program>. If you have questions regarding this program, please contact any of the staff of the North Carolina Board of Science, Technology & Innovation. Their contact information is available at <http://www.nccommerce.com/sti/board-of-science-technology-innovation/executive-staff>.

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