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Keystone Symposia to Hold First Energy Conference on “The Future of Biofuels”

SILVERTHORNE, CO, April 1, 2009 – Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology will convene its first conference on the “The Future of Biofuels” in Snowbird, Utah, April 4-8, 2009. The Colorado-based non-profit has been conducting scientific conferences in the life sciences – including plant sciences – for many years, but this will be its first specifically in the energy arena.

The three-day conference will bring together experts from industry, academia, government and the nonprofit sector to share a broad perspective defining the critical needs for biofuels and to highlight cutting-edge research and development efforts defining the next generation of biofuel product and process advances. One major deficiency in the advancement of biofuels is the lack of integrated, cross-disciplinary research. The conference aims to bridge this gap and help enable and advance biofuel research efforts globally.

It will begin on the evening of Saturday, April 4 with keynote addresses by Jason Clay of the World Wildlife Fund discussing “How do we Define Sustainability” and Judy Siegel of Energy and Security Group sharing insights on “Biofuels and Developing Countries.”

Other speakers over the next three days will include experts from the auto and energy industries debating needs versus wants in the biofuels value chain, experts from academia presenting on “Next-Generation Advanced Biofuels” and “Enablement of Cellulosic Fuels,” and researchers from both academia and industry discussing “Biofuel Feedstock Choices and Modifications” and “Novel Fermentation Strategies.”

In addition to these plenary sessions, there will be workshops on “Current Technology Trends” and “Regional Research Efforts.” Conference speakers represent countries on the leading edge of alternative energy research and development: Australia, Brazil, Israel, Japan, Taiwan, the UK and United States.

Concluding addresses will be delivered on Tuesday evening by Lee Rybeck Lynd of Dartmouth College and Armory B. Lovins of Rocky Mountain Institute.

The scientific organizers of the meeting are William D. Provine of DuPont Company, Chris R. Somerville of Energy Biosciences Institute, Doug Cameron of Piper Jaffray & Co. and Jay D. Keasling of the University of California at Berkeley.

According to lead organizer Dr. Provine, DuPont BioFuels Venture Manager, “My work in the biofuels sector today involves regular discussions with a variety of thought leaders who have brilliant

and unique perspectives on how to create an energy-diverse future. There is no question in my mind that the greatest minds and most creative personalities are involved in the biofuels sector today. I look forward to showcasing this dialogue that we commonly share at the upcoming Keystone Symposia meeting on *The Future of Biofuels*.”

For more information about the conference, visit www.keystonesymposia.org/9D4.

About Keystone Symposia

Keystone Symposia on Molecular and Cellular Biology, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, has been conducting internationally renowned, open scientific conferences since 1972 and has been headquartered in Summit County, Colorado since 1990 when it left the University of California at Los Angeles. Annually, Keystone Symposia holds more than 50 meetings involving more than 13,000 scientists from around the world.