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Bioeconomy in Transition: New Players and New Tools

The past several years have been disruptive for the global bioeconomy – prices of agricultural commodities and fuels have crashed, new gene editing technologies such as CRISPR-Cas9 are transforming biological research, the mergers and acquisitions of the global biotech giants threaten to boost input prices and slow innovation, and China is emerging as a scientific superpower.

This year's ICABR conference takes place at U.C. Berkeley at the home of CRISPR-Cas9 and in the Bay Area - the hub of biotech companies that might challenge the biotech/pesticide and biofuel companies that were the basis of bioeconomy 1.0. The conference will take place at the Berkeley City Club, a historical landmark and Julia Morgan architectural masterpiece. For more information, please check the conference website: <http://economia.uniroma2.it/icabr/conference-2017/>

We expect some of the leaders of bioeconomy 2.0 as keynote speakers, including scientists who worked on developing CRISPR-Cas9 and leading biotechnology entrepreneurs and companies who are using this technology. We also hope to have industry leaders, regulators and economists to discuss the impact of the latest round of mergers and acquisitions in the bioeconomy.

The conference will include invited and contributed, plenary and parallel sessions in which participants from around the world will discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the bioeconomy in both developed and developing countries. Plenary sessions will cover a range of topics such as:

1) How evolving consumer tastes are influencing scientists' selection of research tools, research topics and foods and how companies are labelling their products. (2) The rise of China as a leader in bioeconomy science and technology. (3) The impact of new tools and mergers and acquisitions in developing countries.

We invite the submission of contributed paper abstracts or panel proposals by January 31, 2017. Please use this [link](#) to submit a 250 word abstract before the deadline. We encourage submissions related to any aspect of the entire spectrum of challenges and opportunities facing the bioeconomy related to the themes mentioned or other related topics such as:

- Science and technology policies;
- New approaches for financing inventions and innovations;
- The role of the bioeconomy in economic development;
- Effects of new actors and research tools on land, labor, and the environment;
- Data and indicators for monitoring policies and regulations that affect the bioeconomy;
- Transforming and re-orienting agricultural systems to support sustainability and food security;
- Supply chains and industrial organization of the bioeconomy.

To submit a 250 word abstract please click [here](#).

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