



2019 Piedmont Triad Industrial Hemp Conference

Policy, Industry, Opportunity & PLACE



AGENDA

Thursday, October 17, 2019

9:00AM

Morning session – Policy and Place

- 9:00AM - 9:20AM **“Welcome to Gateway Research Park”** – A geographic and enterprise hub for the growth of this industry in central NC. - *John Merrill, Executive Director, Gateway Research Park*
- 9:20AM -10:45AM **“The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018” / “Update on the USDA Rules for 2020”** - The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill, Section 10113) directs the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to issue regulations and guidance to implement a program for the commercial production of industrial hemp in the United States. USDA has begun the process to gather information for rulemaking. - *Anita MacMullan, Director, North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Food and Drug Protection Division*
- 10:45AM - 11:45AM **“NC A&T State University Industrial Hemp Panel”**
***Dr. Shirley Hyman-Parker – Associate Dean for Research
College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (CAES), NC A&T State University.***
- a) Industrial hemp 101. - *Dr. Sanjun Gu, Dr. Rebecca Wait, Dr. Guochen Yang*
 - b) Optimal growing conditions for CBD industrial hemp in NC. - *Dr. Arnab Bhowmik and John Ivey*



NC A&T Research on Industrial Hemp

- c) High tunnel and plastic mulch on CBD oil production. - *Dr. Sanjun Gu and Dr. Rebecca Wait*
- d) Seeding rates for industrial hemp fiber. - *Dr. Sanjun Gu and Dr. Rebecca Wait*
- e) CBD extraction. - *Dr. Abolghasem Shahbazi, Mr. Matthew Todd and Mr. John Ivey*
- f) Industrial hemp extension program at NC A&T. - *Dr. Sanjun Gu and Dr. Rebecca Wait*

Discussion, Q&A

11:45AM - 12:30PM **Lunch Break**

Afternoon Session – Industry and Opportunity

- 12:30PM – 1:00PM **“NC Industrial Hemp Association”** – Who we are and what this legislation means for NC Businesses. – *Marty Clemons, President, NCIHA*
- 1:00PM – 2:00PM **“Industry Perspectives”** - *Dr. George Place / County Director - Catawba County Cooperative Extension Services*
 - a. Grower Representative – *Brad Todd, President / Growers Hemp*
 - b. Processor Representative – *Jamie Crumley / President, Founder’s Hemp CEO, Innovative AgriProducts*
 - c. Biomass Testers Representative – *Volker Bornemann, Ph.D. / President and CEO / Avazyme, Inc.*
- 2:00PM – 3:00PM **“Pitch Event”** Three (3) to four (4) aspiring industrial hemp entrepreneurs have ten minutes to share their ideas with a panel of judges. Winner will be announced during the networking reception.
- 3:00PM **“Networking Reception”** - Vendor trade show / beverages & hors d’oeuvres, announcement of pitch presentation winners / recognition of sponsors and participating firms / industrial space tour, campus amenities, future campus visuals.