

Ag Innovation Forum 2022

April 1, 2022 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Hybrid Event (In Person/Virtual)

1:00 PM Welcome – Mike Manion, Ag Innovation Day Organizer and Entrepreneur-in-Residence, Agritech Ramp-Up Program

1:05 PM Territorial Acknowledgement

1:15 PM Opening Remarks – (Representative, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries)

1:30 PM Introductions - New Programs and Initiatives

BC Agritech Concierge and Agritech Grant Program - Karan Suri, JERI

Regenerative Agriculture and Agritech Network - Georgina Byers

Agritech Ramp Up Program – Michelle Koski IAFBC

Agtech Innovation Sandbox – Sylvain Moreno SFU

2:15 PM Panel: On-Farm Agricultural Innovations and Technology Adoption

Moderator: Tom Urban, Founder Agri Business Advisors

Speaker 1: Anshul Porwal, Neupeak (Robotics)

Speaker 2: Bill Vanderkooi, EcoDairy (Dairy)

Speaker 3: Thomas Noonan, Farmers Hive (Sensors)

Speaker 4: Alycia van der Gracht, QuantoTech (Vertical farming)

3:00 PM Panel: How Innovative Technologies can Support Regenerative Agriculture Practices

Moderator: Dr. Sean Smukler, UBC (Associate Professor)

Speaker 1: Dr. Rhonda Millikin, EchoTrack (Crop resilience)

Speaker 2: Lucent Biosciences (Fertilizer)

Speaker 3: Chad Shipmaker, Valid Manufacturing (Fertilizer)

Speaker 4: ActerraTech – (Fermentation Tech) Ralph Lett