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**Triangle Biotech Research Symposium III:
Innovating Through Partnerships and Collaborations
Licensing Perspectives for Agricultural Sciences**

(Tinton Falls, NJ) Bayer CropScience, Syngenta, AgBiome, Benson Hill Biosystems, and NC State University are sending speakers for a cross-community conference next week. Their panel, Licensing Perspectives for Agricultural Sciences, will be presented at the Triangle Biotech Research Symposium III: Innovating Through Partnerships and Collaborations, October 28, 2014. The Symposium is hosted by the Biopharma Research Council and the NC Biotechnology Center in Triangle Research Park.

The panel will feature Martha Dunn, Ph.D., Senior Licensing Manager, Syngenta and will be moderated by Allan Wenck, Ph.D., JD, Head of Trait Validation US, Bayer CropScience.

Dr. Dunn's work with Syngenta includes negotiation agreements with universities and companies in the biotechnology, biofuel and agriculture industries, specializing in patent licensing, technology evaluation and fostering open innovation.

At Bayer CropScience, Dr. Wenck is responsible for developing internal and external scientific collaborations in the field of Agricultural Biotechnology. In addition, he is a critical reviewer for journals such as In Vitro Plant with a focus on intellectual property, patents and potential licensing opportunities.

Additional panel participants include Kelly Sexton, Ph.D., Director, Office of Tech Transfer, NC State University; Al Kriz, Global Strategic Alliance Manager, Bayer CropScience; Andy Renz, Ph.D., Vice President of Business Development, Benson Hill Biosystems; and Dan Tomso, Ph.D., Chief Science Officer, Agbiome.

"Some of the most complex yet productive partnerships are built through the process of licensing discoveries, methods, and products" says Joanne Gere, Executive Director of the BRC. "Here is a great opportunity to get a look inside today's ag science licensing strategies. It is right within our mission to shed light on a process that affects the success of so many scientific discoveries."

The BioPharma Research Council (BRC) offers this education program and conference as part of its mission to stimulate interaction among functional silos across the biomedical research and development community.

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