



CNAES
HQP Research & Collaborative Exchange
Funding
Visit report

1. Exchange information

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Host: **Biomass North Forum and AGM** <http://www.biomassnorth.org/forum16.html>

2. Objective/Purpose

To present Boreal 2050 project to an audience in academia and industry who are interested in the future of Canada's north. As well, I was there to seek information on the bioeconomy for use in the Boreal 2050 project and to make connections with people who may be able to contribute to the project in some way.

3. Description of the visit

The visit consisted of a 2 day workshop with the first day focusing on both an industry and research symposium and the second day focused on the contributions of the bioeconomy in reducing the impacts of climate change (climate forum). It was organized around a typical conference style with concurrent sessions after the keynote talks. I gave my presentation after lunch and it was relatively well attended. There was also a 'trade show' during the breaks and I had an opportunity to chat with a variety of people about Boreal 2050 and about their business and organizations. I came away feeling that the northern bioeconomy will play a significant role in a low carbon economy future and was encouraged by the organizing and networking provided by Biomass North. I'm pleased to be able to bring this information to the rest of the Boreal 2050 team and glad that the presentations during the 2 day conference have been made public and accessible.