## The University of Maine



## **Cellulose Nanomaterials Researchers Forum**

August 22-24, 2023

Wells Conference Center, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

## **PROGRAM**

| Tuesday, August 22, 2023 |                                    | Wells Conference Center |
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| 4:30 – 6:30 PM           | Welcome Reception & Poster Preview |                         |

| Wednesday, August 23, 2023 Wells Conference Center, Room 100 |  |  |
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| 8:00 – 8:30 AM   | Continental Breakfast & Coffee   |  |
| 8:30 – 8:32 AM   | Welcome to Nanocellulose Valley, Forum Overview  |  |
| 8:32 – 9:05 AM   | Opening Keynote:  "From Trees to Tires: Development and Scale-up of the Nanocellulose Dispersion Composite™"  Kim Nelson, Ph.D., Ph.D., CTO, GranBio Technologies    |  |
| 9:05 – 9:20 AM   | "Sustainable, High-Performance, Cellulose-Based Thermal Insulation" Mark Fokema, VP R&D Aspen Products Group   |  |
| 9:20 – 9:35 AM   | "CNF for Fire-fighting Applications"  James Anderson, Sr. R&D Program Manager II, Advanced Structures and Composites Center, University of Maine                     |  |
| 9:35 – 10:00 AM  | "Path forward – Valmet's MFC technology development" Heli Kangas, Valmet   |  |
| 10:00 – 10:30 AM   | Break  |  |
| 10:30 – 11:00 AM   | "Production of microfibrillated cellulose using stirred media mills and selected applications"  David Skuse, FiberLean Technologies Limited, UK                      |  |
| 11:00 – 11:30 PM   | "Cellulose Nanomaterial Production at the Forest Products Laboratory" Richard Reiner, USDA Forest Products Laboratory  |  |
| 11:30 – 12:00 PM   | "Introduction to Technical Collaborations within the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and University of Maine's Hub and Spoke Program"  Greg Simms, University of Maine |  |
| 12:00 – 1:00 PM  | Lunch  |  |
| 1:00 – 2:00 PM   | Student Rapid Fire Poster Presentations Student poster presenters will give short summaries of their posters   |  |

| 2:00 – 2:30 PM | "PrinTimber" Soledad Peresin, Auburn University   |   |
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| 2:30 – 3:00 PM | Break   |   |
| 3:00 –3:30 PM  | "Waterborne modifications to cellulose nanofibrils for biomaterials, coatings, and composites" Will Gramlich, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Maine  |   |
| 3:30 – 4:00 PM | "P3Nano: Removing Barriers to Cellulose Nanomaterials Utilization" Robert Moon, Ph.D., Forest Products Laboratory, USDA Forest Service  |   |
| 4:00 – 4:30 PM | Pilot-Scale Preparation of a Surface Modified Cellulose Nanofibrils (CNF) Composite Feedstock  Meghan Lamm, Ph.D., R&D Associate Staff Member, Sustainable Manufacturing Technologies Group – Manufacturing Science Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory |   |
| 4:30 – 6:30 PM | Students Poster Competition  ART EXHIBITION  Refined Intersections: Collaborations With Nanocellulose  Open to the public   | Wells Conference Center Wells Conference Center |

| Thursday, August 24, 2023 Wells Conference Center |  |  |
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| 8:00 – 8:30 AM                                    | Continental Breakfast, Coffee  |  |
| 8:30 – 9:15 AM                                    | Opening Keynote: "Safety and Regulatory Aspects of Cellulose Nanomaterials: Challenges and Needs" Jo Anne Shatkin, Ph.D., President, Vireo Advisors  |  |
| 9:15 – 9:45 AM                                    | "Plants sustain plants: Multiple applications of nanocellulose in agriculture"  YongJiang Zhang, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Plant Physiology, School of Biology and Ecology, University of Maine  |  |
| 9:45 – 10: 15 AM                                  | "What is happening at UMaine's Laboratory of Renewable Nanomaterials"  Mehdi Tajvidi, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Renewable Nanomaterials, School of Forest Resources, University of Maine   |  |
| 10:15 – 10:30 AM                                  | Break  |  |
| 10:30 – 11:00 AM                                  | "Nanocellulose can reduce carbon emissions in food Packaging and construction"  Jeff Youngblood, Ph.D., Professor, School of Materials Engineering, Purdue University  |  |
| 11:00 – 11:30 AM                                  | "Cellulose Nanocrystals (CNCs) as additives in polymeric membranes for water vapor and air separation" Ling Li, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sustainable Bioenergy Systems, School of Forest Resources, University of Maine "Techno-economic analysis and life cycle assessment of manufacturing a cellulose nanocrystal-based hybrid membrane" Naveenkumar Rajendiran, Research Associate, University of Wisconsin |  |
| 11:30 – 12:00 PM                                  | "Hybrid Natural Fiber/CNF Thermoplastic Composites"  Katie Copenhaver, Ph.D., R&D Associate Staff, Manufacturing Science Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory   |  |
| 12:00 – 1:00 PM                                   | Lunch  |  |
| 1:00 – 2:00 PM                                    | Tour of PDC  |  |
| 2:00 – 3:00 PM                                    | Tour of ASCC   |  |