CBI Annual Meeting

- The Center for Bioenergy Innovation Annual Meeting was held June 5 – 6, 2018 at the Renaissance Hotel in Asheville, NC.
- An Industrial Affiliates meeting was held on June 4.
  - Industrial participants included:
    - Rahal Basu, DSM; Steve Csonka, CAAFI; Sam Jackson, Genera Energy Inc.; Stephen Temple, Forage Genetics; John Perkins, DSM; Joerg Bauer, BASF; Ben Mohr, SimPath, Inc.; Mukund Karanjikar, Technology Holding LLC; and Robert Moseley, SimPath, Inc.
  - The meeting included: a welcome and overview presentation, three scientific presentations, a CBI research discussion, a “speed-dating” event with CBI researchers and a poster session with 24 posters.
- The SAB met during the meeting and attendees included:
  - John Ralph, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Robin Buell, Michigan State University; Gail Taylor, University of California-Davis; Corinne Scown, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; and Matthew Hudson, University of Illinois-Champaign. Absent: Gary Peter, University of Florida; Gregory Stephanopoulos, MIT; and Jack Saddler, University of British Columbia.
  - A draft oral report with finding and recommendations was presented to the CBI Management Team and a final written report is due July 27.
- The BOD met during the meeting and attendees included:
  - Moe Khaleel, ORNL; Adam Bratis (for Martin Keller), NREL; David Lee, UGA and Stacy Patterson, UTK.
- 180 CBI scientists, technicians, post docs, students and staff attended presenting 90 posters in two poster sessions, 27 scientific presentations – including 4 student presenters.
  - Awards were presented to top performers in publications, and top student poster presenters.
- The CBI Management Team meeting was held on June 7 attended by the CBI Research Council, the research domain leads and team leads.
  - The meeting included a recap of progress, establishment of year 2 objectives, a financial summary, and preparation for the DOE annual on-site review.