



**APRIL 28 – MAY 1, 2024**

**WESTIN ALEXANDRIA OLD TOWN – ALEXANDRIA, VA**



**SBFC**

**Symposium on Biomaterials,  
Fuels and Chemicals**

## Tabletop Exhibitor Prospectus

A SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY FOR  
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# CONNECT WITH LEADERS AND INNOVATORS

working on the latest in microbiology and biotechnology  
for biomaterials, fuels, and chemicals!



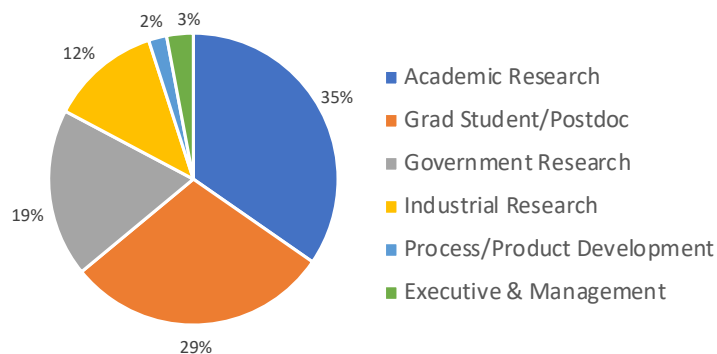
**300+** attended  
SBFC in 2023

**79%** of attendees ranked networking and  
collaboration as top reasons for attending SBFC

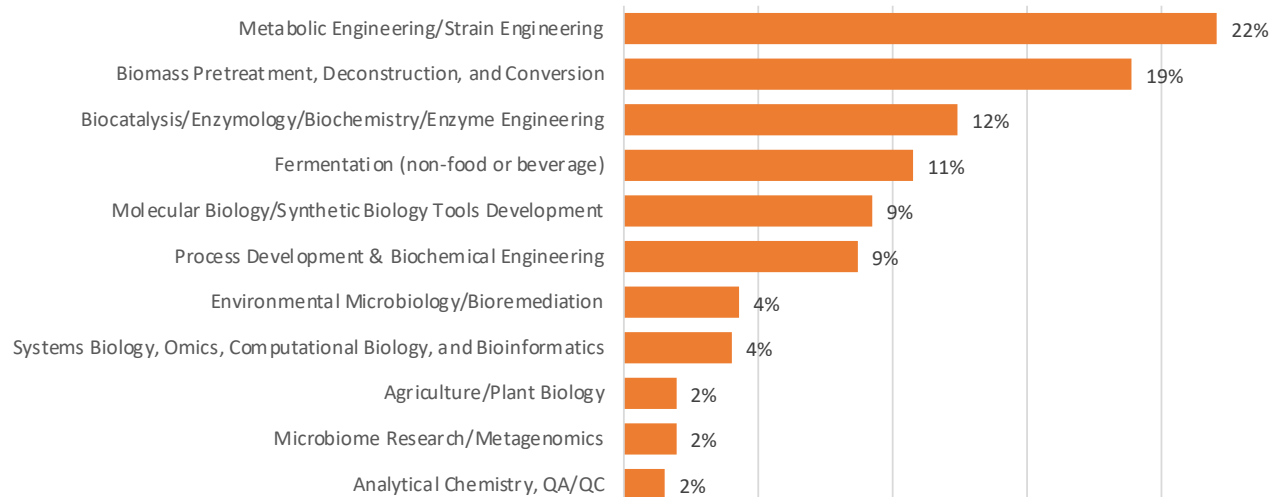
## About SBFC

SBFC is an opportunity to connect with attendees from across the globe to share exciting research progress and breakthroughs and foster communication and collaborations towards advancing the growing field of bio-based materials, fuels and chemicals.

## Attendee Demographics



## Attendee fields of expertise



# 2024 SBFC Program

The 46th Symposium on Biomaterials, Fuels and Chemicals (SBFC) is taking place April 28 – May 1, 2024, at the Westin Alexandria Old Town in Alexandria, Virginia, just outside Washington, DC.

The Symposium will include 14 technical sessions that cover cellular and process engineering, feedstock utilization and design, and biomaterials. Included in this is an exciting new panel on lessons learned in industry translating across scales, sessions in engineered living materials, plastics deconstruction, emerging non-model organisms, and improvement of bioenergy crops. This will be joined with the latest advances in strain and metabolic engineering, C1 utilization, biomass deconstruction and processing, and organic waste valorization. Advances from the next generation of researchers and leaders will be highlighted in two Student Talks and Rapid Fire sessions in addition to our Poster sessions.

**This year’s program committee includes:**  
**Kevin Solomon**, Chair, University of Delaware,  
**Ben Woolston**, Co-Chair, Northeastern University, and  
**Carrie Eckert**, Past Chair, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

## VIEW THE PROGRAM

[simbhq.org/sbfc/program/](http://simbhq.org/sbfc/program/)

## Conference Hotel

A block of rooms is reserved at the Westin Alexandria Old Town for April 28 – May 1, 2024, as well as the days before and days after, based on availability.

**Room rate: \$199 per night (plus tax)**

**Housing deadline: April 4, 2024**

## BOOK NOW

[simbhq.org/sbfc/attend/hotel](http://simbhq.org/sbfc/attend/hotel)

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**TOPIC AREA**  
Biofuels, Bioproducts, and Synthetic Biology

- SESSIONS INCLUDE:**
- Lessons learned translating across scales: Panel discussion
  - Evaluating the potential of emerging organisms
  - Metabolic engineering for stable and robust microbial cell factories
  - Adventures along the acetyl-CoA superhighway
  - Holistic approaches to economic viability

**TOPIC AREA**  
Alternative Feedstocks and Biosynthetic Materials

- SESSIONS INCLUDE:**
- Organic waste valorization
  - Plastic deconstruction
  - C1 metabolism
  - New bio-based materials

**TOPIC AREA**  
Engineering and Deconstruction of Biomass

- SESSIONS INCLUDE:**
- Engineering bioenergy crops
  - Biomass/lignin deconstruction
  - Biomass active enzymes and cell free systems
  - Integration and scale up for lignocellulosic biomass bioconversion

## Daily Schedule *Subject to change*

| TIME      | SUNDAY, APRIL 28                                                 | MONDAY, APRIL 29                                                | TUESDAY, APRIL 30        | WEDNESDAY, MAY 1             |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| MORNING   | Registration Opens<br>Poster & Exhibitor Setup                   | Sessions<br>Coffee Break                                        | Sessions<br>Coffee Break | Sessios<br>Coffee Break      |
| NOON      | —                                                                | Lunch (on own)                                                  | Lunch (on own)           | Lunch (on own)               |
| AFTERNOON | Welcome & Keynote Session<br>Student Talks<br>Rapid Fire Session | Sessions<br>Coffee Break<br>Student Talks<br>Rapid Fire Session | Sessions<br>Coffee Break | Sessions<br>Coffee Break     |
| EVENING   | Opening Reception<br>Poster Session                              | Poster Reception<br>Poster Session                              | —                        | Banquet Reception<br>Banquet |



## Tabletop Exhibiting

Tabletop exhibitors will be promoted on the SBFC meeting website, on signage, in emails, in the meeting's printed program guide, and in the online program.

**Contact:** [meetings@simbhq.org](mailto:meetings@simbhq.org)

### EXHIBIT AT SBFC

[Exhibitor PDF application form](#)

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Exhibitor listing on conference website
- 50-word company description in the printed program guide and online program
- Access to all attendees in-person, plus the pre- and post-attendee list  
*Limit one email send per list*
- One (1) 2x6-foot draped table  
*For double-size table contact [meetings@simbhq.org](mailto:meetings@simbhq.org)*
- Two (2) chairs
- Company sign

## Staff Requirement

All tabletop exhibits must be staffed by an employee or representative of the exhibiting company during stated required exhibit hours.

## Dismantling

No packaging of equipment or literature or dismantling of exhibits will be permitted until after 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30. Dismantling early will incur a \$250 fee for each day before the official dismantle date and time.

## Shipping

**Affix a label with the following information:**

Westin Alexandria Old Town  
SBFC 2024, April 28 – May 1, 2024  
Attn: Angie Wiese + (Exhibitor Name)/SIMB  
400 Courthouse Square  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-5700



## Tabletop Exhibit Fees

### STANDARD RATES

|               |                                   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>\$1750</b> | <b>SIMB Corporate Member</b>      |
| <b>\$2050</b> | Non-Member                        |
| <b>\$500</b>  | Publications display/Author table |

Have a journal or publication you'd like to have promoted and laid out on a table for you?

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### NON-STANDARD FEES

- **\$100 Staffing Absence.** This fee will be assessed only to those who do not have representatives at their assigned table during required hours for an extended period of time. Fee will be assessed per required timeslot impacted.
- **\$130 Banquet Ticket.** Purchase any amount of tickets for the Wednesday evening closing banquet and pre-reception. Price is per ticket.
- **\$200 Cancellation Fee.** Requests for cancellations must be submitted in writing to the SIMB office. Refunds are available until March 31, 2024, less a \$200 administrative fee.
- **\$250/day Dismantling Early Fee.** This fee will be assessed only to those who dismantle exhibit table or space before stated date and time above.
- **\$1000 Excessive Table Setup.** This fee will be assessed only to those who set up exhibits exceeding their area or above the stated maximum of 48 inches in height on the tabletop.

## MORE OPPORTUNITIES

### Sponsorship

Sponsorship opportunities are available. In addition to inclusion in conference publicity, sponsors may receive complimentary registrations and more.

Contact: [sponsorship@simbhq.org](mailto:sponsorship@simbhq.org)

#### SPONSOR SBFC

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### Advertising

Advertising opportunities are available in both the printed program guide and the online program.

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#### ADVERTISE AT SBFC

[Advertising PDF form](#)

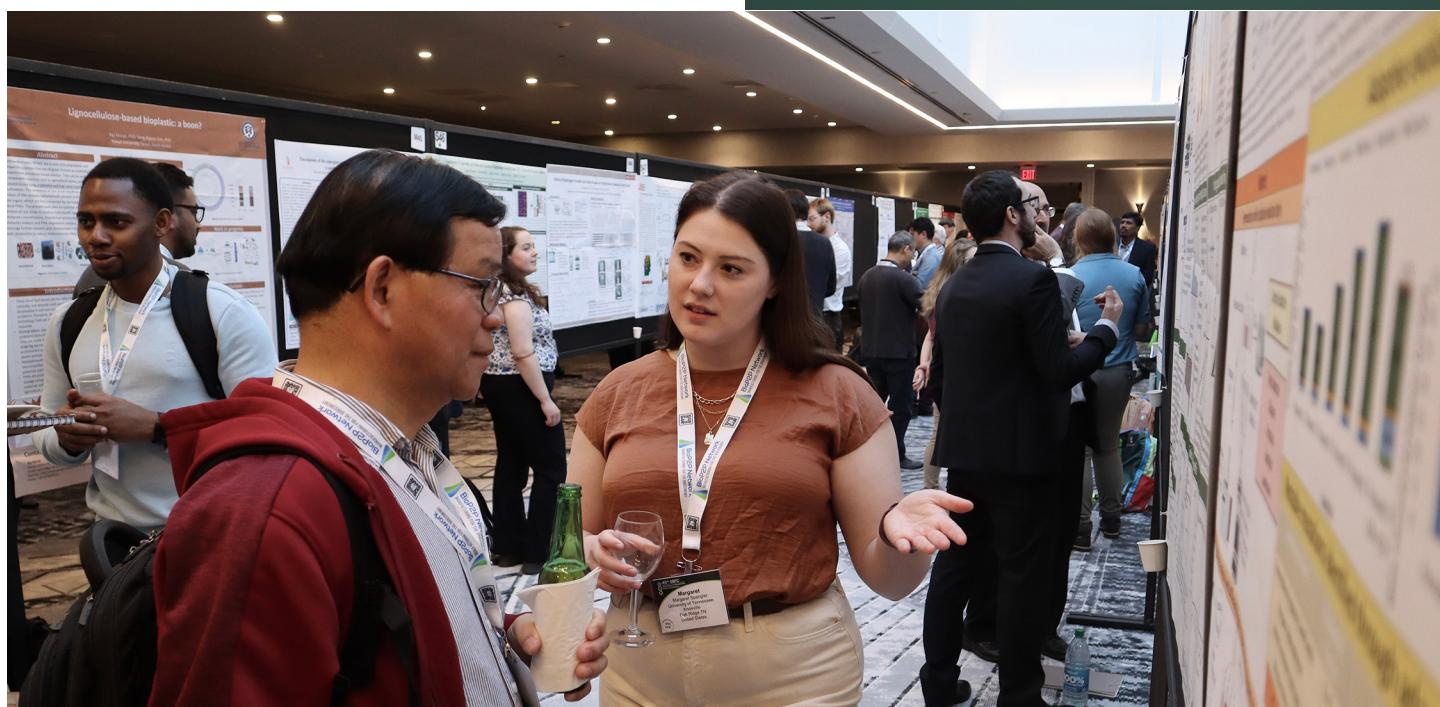
### Corporate Membership

SIMB Corporate Members get reduced rates and opportunities to enhance their visibility and make profitable connections throughout the SIMB community.

Contact: [membership@simbhq.org](mailto:membership@simbhq.org)

#### JOIN SIMB

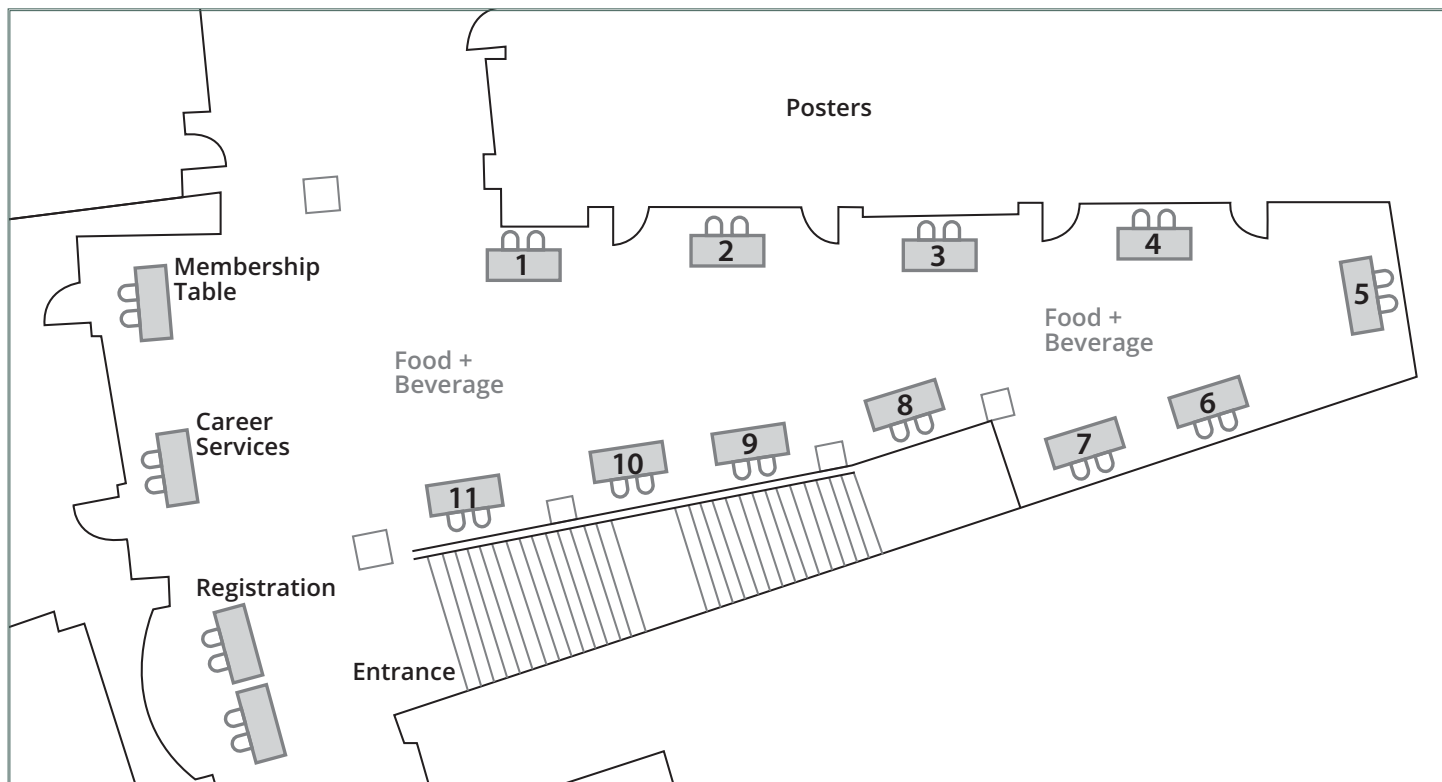
[Corporate member PDF form](#)





# Exhibit Hall Map

Westin Alexandria Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia



## PAST EXHIBITORS

aquila biolabs GmbH

Applikon Biotechnology, Inc.

Biointelligence Technologies

BioP2P Network

Eppendorf

HEL Inc.

ICM, Inc.

INFORS USA

Inscripta, Inc.

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

m2p Labs

Moubio Fermentation

Scientific Bioprocessing, Inc.

USDOE Bioenergy Technology Office

## Setup & Exhibitor Hours

Staff your exhibit table during the required hours designated below, with optional staffing during all other open hours.

| SUNDAY, APRIL 28  |                                                                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SETUP             | Morning–Afternoon                                                            |
| REQUIRED HOURS    | Opening Evening Reception                                                    |
| MONDAY, APRIL 29  |                                                                              |
| REQUIRED HOURS    | Morning Session Break<br>Afternoon Session Break<br>Evening Poster Reception |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 30 |                                                                              |
| REQUIRED HOURS    | Morning Session Break<br>Afternoon Session Break                             |
| DISMANTLING       | Evening                                                                      |

# Terms and Conditions

**Use of space.** Products and services to be exhibited must be in keeping with the interests of SIMB. No subleasing of space is permitted. No side rails or counters may exceed 4 feet in height; background must not exceed 8 feet in height, including signs and may not extend beyond the table length, or six feet. Exhibits should be no higher than 48 inches above the table or wider than 6 feet. If you might have a tabletop exhibit exceeding these limits, please note the Excessive Table Setup Fee of \$1000 and contact SIMB. Demonstrations or displays away from the exhibit hall during exhibit hours, except with permission of SIMB, are prohibited. No table may block the view of surrounding tables and must have adequate see-through area. Exhibitors may not place anything in the aisles during exhibit hours. SIMB reserves the right to limit or restrict operations, which for any reason might be considered objectionable, without any liability for refund or damage.

**Cancellation.** It is mutually agreed that in the event of cancellation of the 46th Symposium on Biomaterials for Fuels and Chemicals exhibition due to fire, strikes, picketing, embargo, injunction, acts of war, acts of God, governmental regulations, emergencies, any act beyond the control of SIMB shall determine an equitable basis for the refund of such portion of the exhibit fee as is possible, after due consideration of expenditures and commitments already made.

Requests for cancellations must be submitted in writing to the SIMB office. Refunds are available until March 31, 2024, less a \$200 administrative fee. No refunds will be issued after March 31, 2024, unless the space is resold.

**Prohibited conduct.** 1) distribution of promotional material, samples, catalogs, pamphlets, or publicity, except in the exhibitor's space; 2) use of disruptive audio equipment; 3) use of noisy electrical or mechanical equipment; 4) entry into another exhibitor's space without permission; 5) photographing or examining another exhibitor's space without permission; 6) affixing anything to columns, walls, floors or other parts of the hotel's building or furniture by any means; 7) selling in the exhibit areas or in meeting rooms.

**Insurance.** The exhibitor assumes the entire responsibility and liability for losses, damages and claims arising out of injury or damage to

exhibitor's displays, equipment and other property brought upon the premises of the hotel and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Society for Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology (SIMB) and the hotel, and any authorized representative, agent, or employee of the foregoing of any and all losses, damages and claims.

**Security.** Dedicated security guards for the exhibit area are not guaranteed. Please plan for the possibility to not have dedicated security. If security is provided, SIMB and the hotel do not guarantee, nor protect exhibitors against loss of any kind. Exhibitors are advised to carry their own insurance. Each party agrees to be responsible for its own property through insurance or self-insurance and shall hold harmless the Society for Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology (SIMB) and the hotel for any and all damage caused by theft.

**Safety, fire and health.** No painting, mixing of chemicals or explosive materials is allowed in the exhibit hall at any time. Exhibits using food, beverage, ink, chemical or other liquids must be installed over Vis queen. Exhibitors are responsible for disposing of all reagents or chemicals used in their exhibit, as well as any cost associated with doing so. The Society for Industrial Microbiology and Biotechnology (SIMB) and the hotel will not be responsible for disposing of any materials.

**Trademarks/Copyrights.** SIMB shall not be liable for and expressly disclaims any liability for infringement or alleged infringement of the trademarks, copyrights or other intellectual property of any third party arising out of the actions of any exhibitor.

**Amendments.** SIMB reserves the right to interpret, amend and enforce these terms and conditions. Written notice of any amendments shall be given to each exhibitor. Each exhibitor and its employees/agents agrees to abide by all terms and conditions set forth herein or by any subsequent amendments and interpretations.

**Enforcement.** Any exhibitor not abiding by the terms and conditions set forth herein may forfeit the right to participate in future exhibitions, may be asked to leave the event without refund, and may be subject to additional penalties.







## Future SIMB Meetings

SIMB offers many opportunities to promote your organization and connect with the community!

## Thank you for your support!

Your participation helps us grow the field, facilitate new connections, and build a better future for the industrial microbiology and biotechnology community. Thank you!

—SIMB Staff

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**CELEBRATING 75 YEARS**

## 74<sup>TH</sup> SIMB ANNUAL MEETING & EXHIBITION

**AUGUST 4–7, 2024**

Sheraton Boston Hotel  
Boston, MA

[simbhq.org/annual](https://simbhq.org/annual)

## 1<sup>ST</sup> CONNECTING MICROBIOME COMMUNITIES (CMIC)

**NOVEMBER 3–6, 2024**

Wyndham San Diego Bayside  
San Diego, CA

[simbhq.org/cmhc](https://simbhq.org/cmhc)

## 5<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NATURAL PRODUCT DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE GENOMIC ERA

**JANUARY 5–8, 2025**

Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego  
San Diego, CA

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