

Program of the Renewable Materials Research Centre (CRMR) Annual Symposium, October 14 and 15, 2026

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. – Registration and welcome

8:50 a.m. – Opening remarks, *Véronic Landry, Director of the Centre and Professor at Université Laval*

9:00 a.m. – Opening keynote address, *Mr. Jérôme Dupras, Chief Scientist of Québec*

9:30 a.m. – Presentation by *Alexandre Larouche, Chief Economist, Conseil de l'industrie forestière du Québec* | **45 min** (*Title to be announced*)

10:15 a.m. – Presentation « **Assessing the Potential of New Bio-Based Products to Enhance Tree Species Favoured by Climate Change** », *Nathalie Bourdeau, Research Manager, Innofibre; Romain Tregaro, Forest Environment Project Manager, CERFO* | **45 min**

11:00 a.m. – Break | 10 min

11:10 a.m. – Student Lightning Presentations (Group 1), Poster Competition

11:45 a.m. – Student Poster Session (Group 1), Poster Competition

12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Lunch

1:30 p.m. – Panel Discussion « **How Should Scientific Performance Be Redefined? Perspectives on Interdisciplinarity, Science Communication, Bibliometrics, and Research Impact** », moderated by *Pierre Blanchet*, with *Alexis Achim, Marie-José Naud, Pascale Ropars, and Philippe Boisvert*

3:00 p.m. – Break | 10 min

3:10 p.m. – Presentation « **Beyond Carbon Stocks: Understanding the Effects of Forest Harvesting on Soil Carbon** », *Véronique Rouleau, Researcher, Université Laval* | **20 min**

3:30 p.m. – Presentation « **Valorization of Black Spruce Bark Tannins in Abitibi-Témiscamingue: From Extraction to Techno-Economic Analysis** », *Flavia Braghiroli, Professor, Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (UQAT)* | **45 min**

4:15 p.m. – Closing remarks and end of Day 1, *Véronic Landry*

Thursday, October 15, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

8:00 a.m. – Registration and welcome

8:30 a.m. – Student Lightning Presentations (Group 2), Poster Competition | 40 min

9:10 a.m. – Student Poster Session (Group 2), Poster Competition | 50 min

10:00 a.m. – Presentation « **Introducing the PCI Wood and Forest Science Scientific Publishing Platform** », *Pierre Blanchet, Professor, Université Laval* | 30 min

10:30 a.m. – Presentation « **Ecological Impacts of Powerline Corridors: Plant Diversity, Carbon Storage, and Forest Soil Dynamics** », *Samuel Roy-Proulx, Postdoctoral Researcher, Université Laval* | 20 min

10:50 a.m. – Break | 10 min

11:00 a.m. – Presentation « **Providing Scientific Advice in Times of Climate Crisis** »
Alain Webster, Full Professor, Department of Economics, Université de Sherbrooke, and Chair of Québec's Climate Change Advisory Committee | 45 min

11:45 a.m. – Break | 10 min

11:55 a.m. – Poster Awards Ceremony and Closing Remarks, *Nancy Gélinas, Dean of the Faculty of Forestry, Geography and Geomatics, Université Laval*

12:30 p.m. – Lunch and Networking Cocktail Reception