

## **Richard Berry wins TAPPI's first technical award in the nanotechnology division**

**Vancouver, BC –June 23, 2014** – FPInnovations is proud to congratulate Dr. Richard Berry, who has been named the first recipient of TAPPI's International Nanotechnology Division's Technical Award. Dr. Berry was presented with this prestigious award at TAPPI's 2014 International Conference on Nanotechnology for Renewable Materials today in Vancouver, BC.

The award recognizes Dr. Berry's outstanding accomplishments and contributions which have advanced the responsible and sustainable production and use of renewable nanomaterials. Dr. Berry is recognized for his contribution in the industrial development of cellulose nanocrystals (CNC), a recyclable, non-toxic, and renewable nanomaterial extracted from trees.

### **Quick Facts about Dr. Berry**

- Dr. Berry is Principal Scientist at FPInnovations and currently the Vice-President and Chief Technology Officer for CelluForce, a 50/50 joint venture between FPInnovations and Domtar and focuses on the production, marketing and commercialization of CNC via its demonstration plant in Windsor, Québec.
- He holds 17 patents and has published more than 90 articles and monographs. He received a B.A. in Chemistry and Geology from Keele University and a Ph.D. in Chemistry from McGill University.
- This announcement follows in the footsteps of Dr. Berry and his colleagues Dr. Jean Bouchard of FPInnovations, Dr. Ron Crotogino of ArboraNano and Dr. Derek Gray, holder of the NSERC/FPInnovations Industrial Research Chair at McGill University, of being awarded the National Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Synergy Award for Innovation in 2013, and culminated in the awarding of the 2013 Marcus Wallenberg prize to Dr. Gray for his pioneering work on this material.
- Dr. Berry has been a recipient of several other prestigious awards, including the 2012 Purvis Memorial Prize by the Society of Chemical Industry and the 2009 Nano-industry award from NanoQuébec.

## Quote

"Dr. Berry's cutting-edge research has significantly contributed to the development of cellulose nanocrystals and FPInnovations is very proud and excited to further develop the commercial potential and industrial application of this remarkable natural nanomaterial."

*Pierre Lapointe*

*President and CEO, FPInnovations*

## Associated Links:

- Prestigious Marcus Wallenberg Prize Awarded to Dr. Derek Gray: <http://ow.ly/y6QUq>.
- To learn more about CelluForce: [www.celluforce.com](http://www.celluforce.com) / TAPPI: <http://www.tappi.org>.
- To find out more about CNC and our research programs, please visit: [www.fpinnovations.ca](http://www.fpinnovations.ca) and follow us on Twitter @FPInnovations.

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