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TITLE: Winners announced for Bio-Based Americas Innovation Awards 2016.

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The votes have all been counted and the winners of the inaugural Bio-Based Americas Innovation Awards have been announced. After a two month search for the most innovative bio-based chemicals and bio-based products organised by Bio-Based World News we finally have our winners, both of whom received their awards at this week's **Bio-Based Live!** event in San Francisco.

The winner of the **Bio-Based Product of the Year (Americas) 2016** is **Club Coffee LP** with their 100% compostable pods for single serve coffee.

Speaking on the announcement of their win: Chris McKillop, VP Communications and Government Relations Club Coffee: "Club Coffee is extremely proud of winning the Bio-Based World Product of the Year Award for our PurPod100(TM). The world's first certified 100% compostable single serve coffee pod is an important achievement for this entire sector because millions of North Americans are now actively choosing the bio-based option over coffee in plastic capsules. We are setting the stage for many more bio-based consumer-focused innovations in the years to come. This award is an honour that Club Coffee shares with our colleagues at the University of Guelph's Bioproducts Discovery and Development Centre under Dr. Amar Mohanty as well as Competitive Green Technologies and our other suppliers of compostable materials."

Runner up was **Rivertop Renewables** with a Waterline a versatile and sustainable option for cooling water treatment with Bio-Serie taking third place with their **Bioserie** with their bio-based baby toys.

The winner of the **Bio-Based Chemical Innovation of the Year (Americas) 2016** is Lygos for their Bio-Malonic Acid drop-in specialty chemical, at lower cost, higher purity, and without the use of cyanide.

"We are delighted to have won this Award at this week's Bio-Based Live. Lygos produces high value specialty chemicals using proprietary yeast fermentation technology. Our first commercial products, based on its BioMalonic Acid(tm) technology, will profitably compete with and ultimately replace malonic acid products on the market today, which are made from cyanide and petrochemicals in a toxic, expensive, and environmentally irresponsible manner. Today, malonic is used in diverse industry verticals including fragrances, electronics manufacturing, and coatings. Lygos can make these products directly from sugar, and as we implement our technology at commercial scales, we will enable existing malonic customers to green their supply chain and new markets will open for these products. We are grateful for the recognition of our efforts from this highly respected international panel of judges and the greater Bio-Based World News Organization."

Runner up was the **Ohio Soybean Farmers** and their Checkoff, in partnership with Redwood Innovations, LLC & Battelle Memorial Institute – a cost-effective, safe, and practical solution to replace BPA-based epoxy coatings with **Sylvatex** and their renewable, bio-based reaction media allowing for nanoscale cathode material production taking third place.

Chair of the judges, Luke Upton, Editor of Bio-Based World News on the awards; "We have been delighted at the response to the launch of Awards in the Americas and it has really helped further spotlight the wonderful innovations featured on our news portal and quarterly digital magazine. It's

been fantastic to see such a variety of entries, and the judges had a really tough time choosing our winners, with only a few points between places. A big thanks to our judging panel and all the entrants.”

Another judge, Michele Jalbert (Chief Operating Officer, Renewable Chemical and Materials Alliance (re:chem)) added: “This year’s Innovation Award nominees truly spanned the industrial and consumer goods sectors, showcasing progress across the board in developing innovative bio-based alternatives to meet immediate market demand – and promising to deliver systemic change in the shift away from non-renewable incumbent products.”

Judging Panel: James Iademarco (President, **Strategic Avalanche LLC**), Corinne Young (Chief Advocate, **Renewable Chemical and Materials Alliance (re:chem)**), Joel A. Stone, (**ConVergInce Advisers**), Andy Shafer, (Founder, **Shafer’s innovation and business building services**), Michele Jalbert (Chief Operating Officer, **Renewable Chemical and Materials Alliance (re:chem)**), Murray McLaughlin (Executive Director, **Bioindustrial Industrial Innovation Centre, Canada**) and Luke Upton, (Editor, **Bio-Based World News**).

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