



CANADIAN RADIOOTHERANOSTICS LEADERS' SUMMIT

2026

↗ Collaboration in action:
Unleashing Canada's
radioisotope future

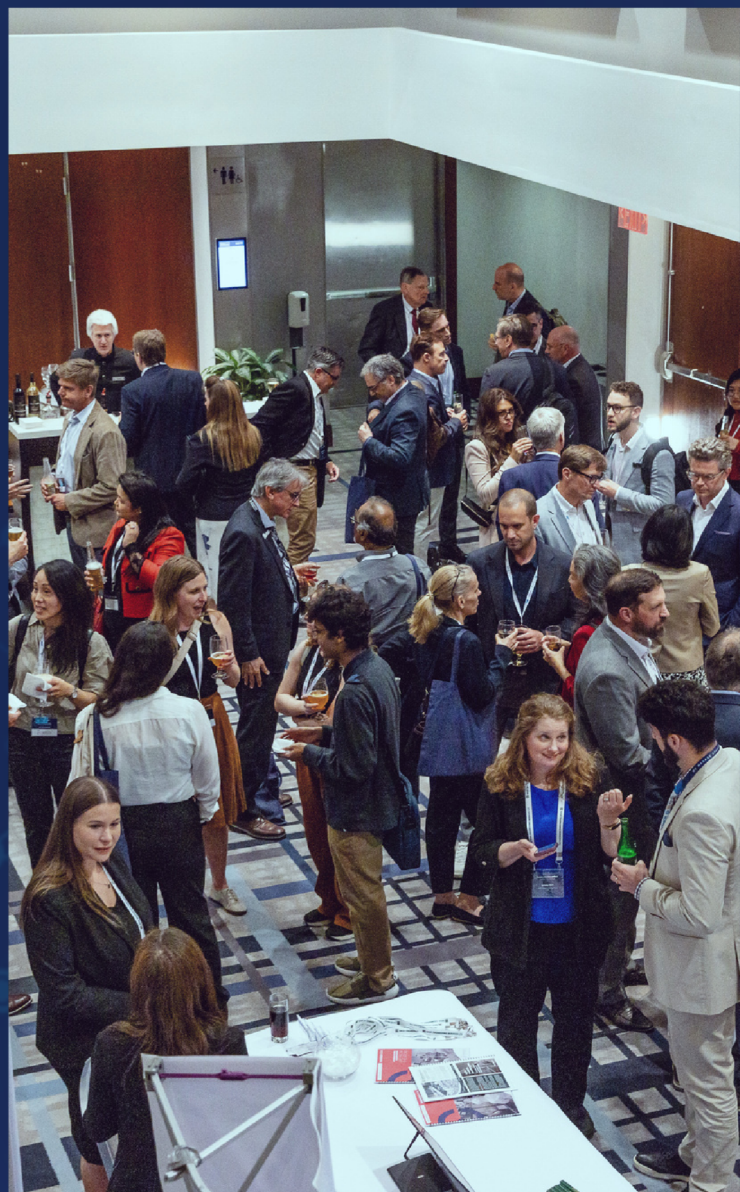
May 25-26 | Hilton Toronto

Student Information Package



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CANADIAN RADIOTHERANOSTICS LEADERS' SUMMIT 2026

The Canadian Radiotheranostics Leaders' Summit is an annual event held by the Canadian Nuclear Isotope Council (CNIC), the Canadian Medical Isotope Ecosystem (CMIE), and a consortium of academic centers (UHN, LHSC, BC Cancer, and CAMH) that aims to bring together leaders from across the global isotope supply chain, business and investment communities, government representatives, healthcare leaders, academics, students and more to shape Canada's isotope leadership to support patients globally.

New and Emerging Trends

More opportunities to discuss new and emerging trends, research, and applications.

Networking Building

The Summit attracts 500+ leaders from the radioisotope, healthcare, research, student, and policy communities.

Collaboration focus

The theme of the Leaders' Summit 2026 is "Collaboration in Action: Unleashing Canada's Radioisotope Future," which will create a platform to foster interdisciplinary, pan-Canadian dialogue and action.



**Collaboration in
Action: Unleashing
Canada's Radioisotope
Future**



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VENUE INFORMATION



Location

Hilton Toronto

145 Richmond St. West
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
M5H 2L2



Dates

Monday, May 25 & Tuesday, May 26, 2026



Arrival Time

Doors will open for speakers and attendees on both days at **8:00 am**. Please note this is a **2 day event** with programming to wrap up on **May 26th by 5:00 pm**.

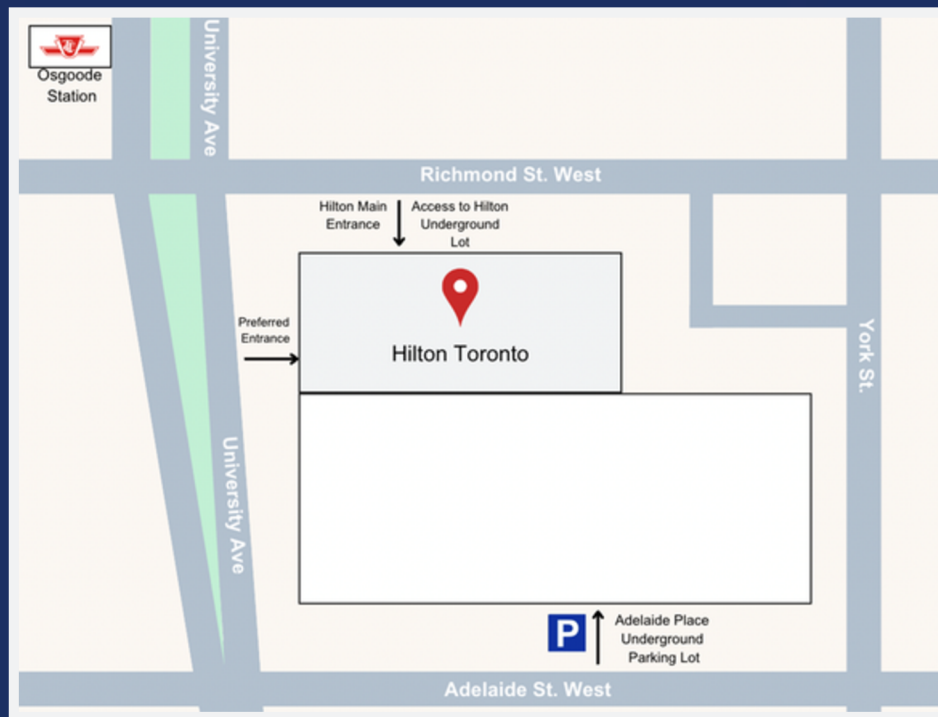


500+ leaders
from across Canada's
isotope ecosystem



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DIRECTIONS AND PARKING



We recommend entering the Hilton from the University Avenue entrance and proceeding down the escalators to the lower Foyer and Auditorium area.

Getting to the Leaders' Summit



Transit

The closest TTC subway station is **Osgoode station**.



Public Parking

Public Paid Parking is available at the **Hilton Toronto**. The Hilton underground lot can be accessed to the left of the Hilton motor court, accessed **via Richmond St. West on the South side of the road**.

Rates and availability are subject to change and are managed directly by the parking operator.



Valet Parking

On-site Valet parking is also available at the Hilton Toronto for \$55/day + HST. Overnight Valet parking is \$75/day + HST. Guests can pull into the Hilton motor court where the valet team will take their car.



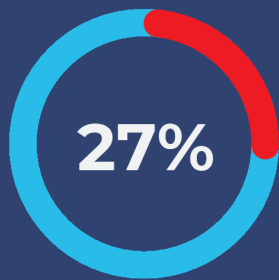
Additional Parking

In the event that the Hilton lot is full, the closest public Paid Parking lot is the **Adelaide Place Underground Parking Garage**, which is conveniently located just steps from the Hilton Toronto at 150 York St. The underground lot can be accessed via Adelaide St. West on the North side of the road.

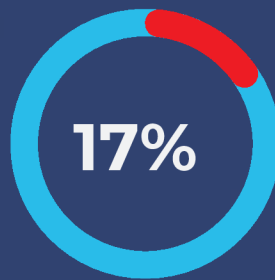
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AUDIENCE ATTENDANCE

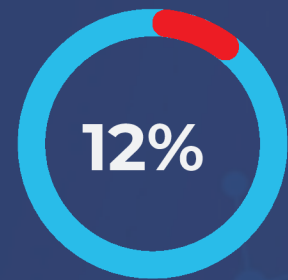
The event draws attendance from all areas of the Canadian isotope supply chain, healthcare community and patient partners, business leaders, government representatives, students, trainees, and more.



Healthcare Delivery



Science & Research



Nuclear Industry

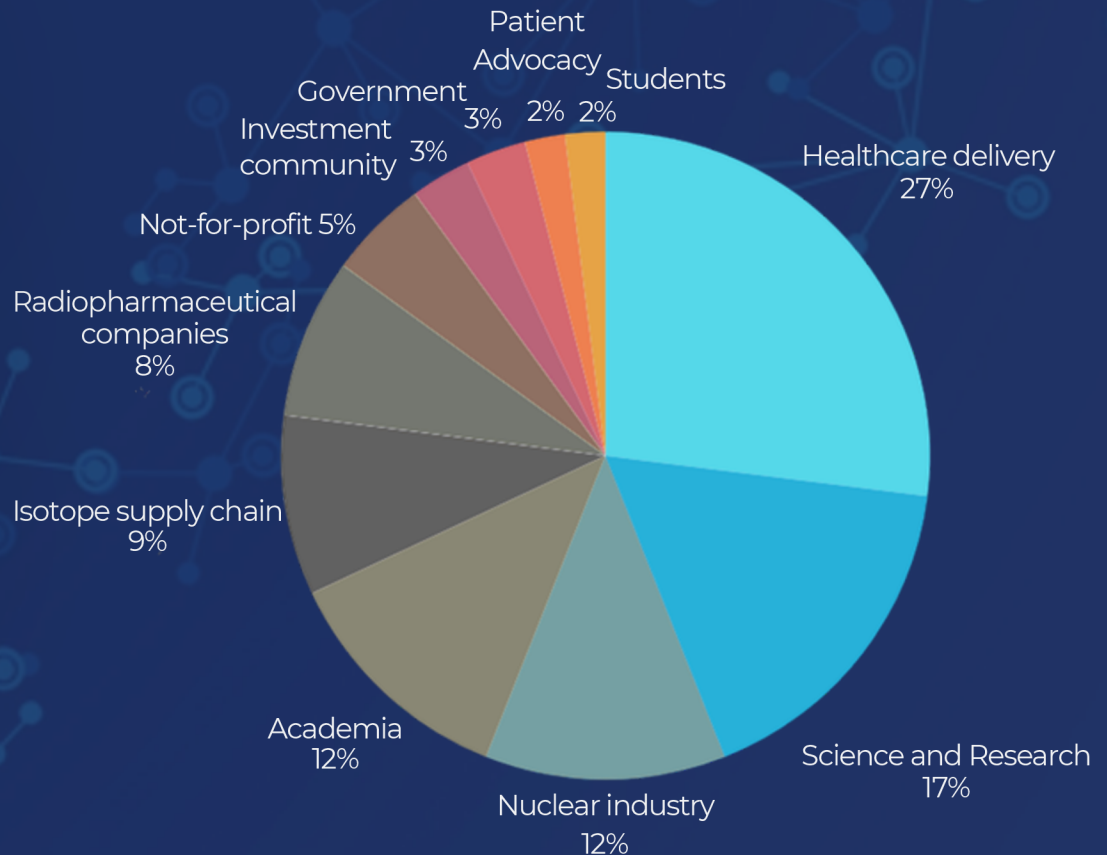
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20
Exhibitor booths

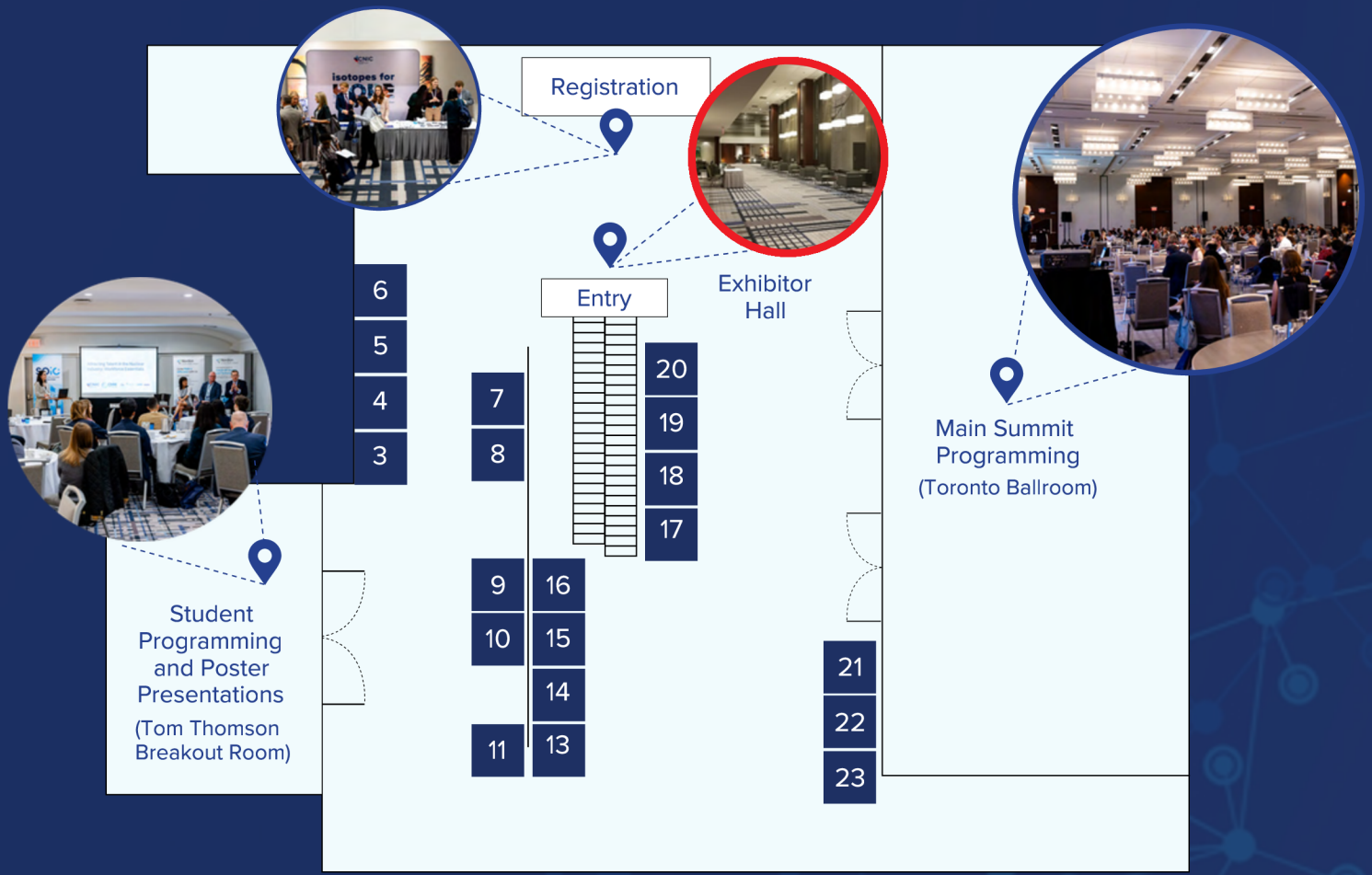
500+
Attendees

2
full days
of programming

Leaders' Summit 2025 Attendance Breakdown:



LEADERS' SUMMIT 2026 FLOOR PLAN



Exhibitor Booths:

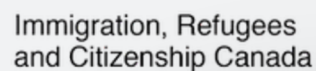
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| 5. ITM Isotope Technologies Munich | 15. Invest Hamilton |
| 6. University of Toronto | 16. Curium Pharma |
| 7. Comecer | 17. Isologic Innovative Radiopharmaceuticals |
| 8. MorePETs Coalition | 18. Stevcon Packaging and Logistics |
| 9. Canadian Nuclear Society | 19. SAGE Engineering |
| 10. ACIC Equipment USA. | 20. Triskem International |
| 11. Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada | 21. Cadena Research |
| | 22. Centre for Addiction and Mental Health |
| | 23. Laurentis Energy Partners |



*Exhibitors are listed in order of booth numbers

LEADERS' SUMMIT 2026 EXHIBITOR HALL

We are pleased to introduce an expanded exhibitor hall at the 2026 Leaders' Summit. This year, we are featuring 20 exhibitors to enhance opportunities for attendees to network and engage with leading experts, organizations and companies in the Canadian isotope sector. We are proud to feature the following exhibitors:



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STUDENT PROGRAM

Thanks to our Student Sponsor, Nordion, and support from the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition, we are pleased to welcome **21 post-secondary students** from a variety of academic backgrounds and programs across Canada to the Leaders' Summit 2026.

Day 1. May 25 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

On Day 1 of the Summit, students attend the main event programming and networking reception alongside other Summit attendees.

Day 2. May 26 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

On Day 2, we are proud to host dedicated student programming that includes targeted sessions on career development and future opportunities in the industry.

Networking Opportunities

Engage directly with current leaders in nuclear medicine and the isotope landscape.

Listen, Learn & Engage

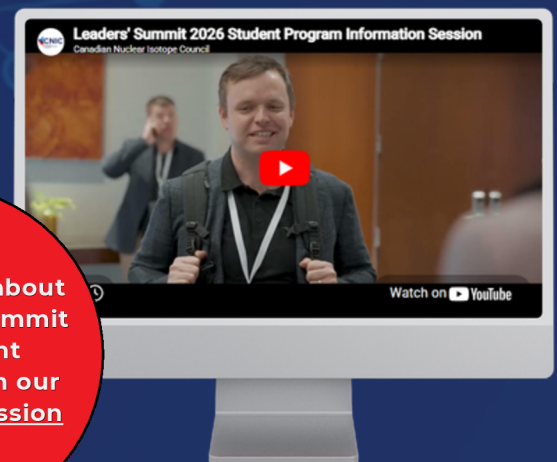
Hear from expert speakers during both Summit main stage presentations and student-geared sessions.

Participate in an interactive workshop to position yourself for a strong career in the isotope sector.

Extended Student Programming & New Opportunities in 2026



To learn more about the Leaders' Summit 2026 Student Program watch our [information session video](#).



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STUDENT PROGRAM AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 26TH

- 8:00 am **Continued Registration & Breakfast**
- 9:00 am **Introduction and Keynote**
Hitesh Badgajar, Nordion
- 9:10 am **Remarks from Bruce Power**
Chad MacLean, Bruce Power
- 9:15 am **Panel – Careers in Isotopes**
Doris Kiiffner, Nordion
Dr. Melissa Chassé, Eli Lilly and Company
Dr. Douglas Boreham, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University (NOSM U)
Raymond Taylor, Isologic Innovative Radiopharmaceuticals
Session Chair: Dr. Dave Shorey, Georgian College, SOIC
- 9:55 am **Presentation – Valuable Applications Fusion-based Neutrons**
Ram Mullur, Astral Systems
- 10:10 am **Coffee and Exhibitor break – Sponsored by Boston Scientific**
- 10:35 am **Panel – Canadian Resiliency within the Global Isotope Landscape**
Chad MacLean, Bruce Power
Jacqueline Parco, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories
Giovanna Ippolito, Pacer Precision Logistics
Alicia Ashton, BWXT Medical
Session Chair: Lise Taylor, Laurentis Energy Partners, CEOIA
- 11:05 am **Interactive workshop: Approaching Employers at Events Without Feeling Awkward**
Clarisse Lievre, Forget the Name
- 12:00 pm **Closing Remarks**
Cait MacKinnon, Nuclear Innovation Institute
- 12:10 pm **Lunch – Sponsored by CANDU Energy Inc.**
- 1:00pm Students to rejoin the main Summit programming for the remainder of the afternoon. Please refer to page 16 of the Student Guide to view the main Summit programming for Tuesday, May 26th.



LEADERS' SUMMIT 2026

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

We are proud to announce the return of the Leaders' Summit trainee **Poster Presentations**. Accepted abstracts will be presented during networking breaks throughout the Summit.

All Student Track Program participants are strongly encouraged to attend all Poster Presentations to learn about emerging trainee research in the field.

 Check the [Leaders' Summit website](#) for the full schedule of presentations and descriptions.



All Poster Presentations will take place in the Student Program and Poster Presentation Room indicated on the floor plan on Page 7.

NEW in 2026

NOVARTIS CANADIAN RADIOLIGAND THERAPY INNOVATION AWARD

The Leaders' Summit is proud to partner with Novartis to feature a brand new opportunity to engage with and recognize innovative research from Canadian researchers designed to advance the impact of Radioligand Therapy (RLT).

This year, we welcomed proposals from Canada researchers to advance their ideas in the discovery and development of RLT.

These awards are also designed to encourage mentoring of early career investigators by senior investigators in the field, thereby advancing the talent pool in Canada and our global impact.



NOVARTIS

\$35,000 CAD

in funding is available for 2026, with the top two finalists presenting their proposals at the Leaders' Summit 2026.



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POSTER PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULE

DAY 1 SCHEDULE - Monday, May 25

- 10:20 am **Coffee and Exhibitor break – Sponsored by Boston Scientific**
- 10:25 - 10:35 am **Iron-Catalyzed Three-Component Synthesis of Radiofluoroamines**
Oaikhena Esezobor
- 10:35 - 10:45 am **Theranostics Tb-155 and Ac 225 Labelled trazstuzumab F(ab2) in HER2 positive cancers**
Alessia Pileggi
- 12:20 pm **Lunch – Sponsored by the Canadian Nuclear Association**
- 12:45 - 12:55 pm **Synthesis, characterization, and evaluation of lanthanum-132/135 and actinium-225 chelators for radiopharmaceuticals**
Jadon Khouv
- 12:55 - 1:05 pm **Preclinical evaluation of the novel radiotracer [11C]AMG487**
Nancy Kim
- 2:50 pm **Coffee and Exhibitor Break – Sponsored by ABX**
- 3:00 - 3:10 pm **[18F]SynVesT-1 PET Imaging of SV2A in Orthotopic Glioblastoma Mouse Models to Detect Tumour-Associated Changes in Synaptic Density Following Neuronal Inhibition**
Dominic Simpson
- 3:10 - 3:20 pm **Comparison of Radiation Exposure and Workflow Efficiency Between Administrations for Pluvicto**
Nikki Wong
- 5:00 pm **Celebratory Cocktail Reception – Sponsored by Novartis**
- 5:20 - 5:30 pm **Porphyrin-lipid nanotheranostics for the management of neck metastases**
Michael Valic
- 5:30 - 5:40 pm **Production of Mercury-197 (m/g) for Targeted Auger Electron Therapy**
Yumeela Ganga-Sah
- 5:40 - 5:50 pm **Toward Universal Chelators for Radiolanthanide and Radioactinide-Based Theranostics**
Marianna Tosato



For trainee author details and copies of the digital posters, please visit the Summit website.

<https://www.canadianisotopes.ca/leaders-summit-2026/poster-presentations-2026/>

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POSTER PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULE

DAY 2 SCHEDULE - Tuesday, May 26

- 10:10 am **Coffee and Exhibitor break – Sponsored by Boston Scientific**
- 10:15 - 10:25 am **Early Response Assessment of 177Lu-DOTATATE in Neuroendocrine Tumors Using Choi versus RECIST Criteria: Insights from the OZM-067 Trial**
Henry Wong
- 10:25 - 10:35 am **Validation of the Prostate PRIMARY Score on [18F] F-PSMA 1007 in High-Risk Prostate Cancer Patients**
Filip Markovic
- 12:10 pm **Lunch – Sponsored by CANDU Energy Inc.**
- 12:35 - 12:45 pm **Production of PET isotope Lanthanum-133 at McMaster University Cyclotron Facility**
Sama Al-Salihi
- 12:45 - 12:55 pm **PBPK-based Digital Twins for Predictive Dosimetry in PSMA Radiopharmaceutical Therapy: A Virtual Theranostic Trial Study**
Maziar Sabouri

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For trainee author details and copies of the digital posters, please visit the Summit website.
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FULL CONFERENCE AGENDA

DAY 1 - MAY 25TH

Collaboration in Action: Unleashing Canada's Radioisotope Future

- 8:00 am **Registration and Breakfast – Sponsored by Invest Ontario**
- 9:00 am **Welcome to the 2026 Canadian Radiotheranostics Leaders' Summit**
Dr. Rebecca Wong, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre and Chair of the Summit Planning Committee
- 9:05 am **Greetings from the Saugeen Ojibway Nation**
Michael Chegahno, Saugeen Ojibway Nation
- 9:10 am **Keynote – The future of Canadian radiotheranostics: Reaching criticality**
Joe McCann, Formerly POINT Biopharma
Session Chair: Dr. Neil Fleshner, University Health Network
- 9:40 am **Panel – Canada's cross-country infrastructure capabilities**
Dr. Jeter Hall, Sylvia Fedoruk Canadian Centre for Nuclear Innovation
Peter McDermid, Bruce Power
Ghadeer Shubassi, AtomVie Global Radiopharma Inc.
Drew Leyburne, Natural Resources Canada
Session Chair: Rishi Jain, Cross River Infrastructure Partners
- 10:20 am **Coffee and Exhibitor break – Sponsored by Boston Scientific**
- 10:50 am **Presentation – A journey through Canada's isotope history**
Dr. Jeremy Whitlock, Ottetail Consulting
Session Chair: Peter D'Amico, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories
- 11:15 am **Speed Round Presentations – The Canadian innovation landscape**
 Presentation 1 – Integrating expertise across health disciplines
Dr. Rebecca Wong, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
 Presentation 2 – Canada's strengths in clinical trials
Valerie Hergott, Eli Lilly
 Presentation 3 – Exploring the unexplored: Radiometals for theranostics
Dr. Caterina Ramogida, Simon Fraser University
 Presentation 4 – Dual-use Canadian technologies leveraging Carbon-14
Rémi Vachon, RC14
Session Chair: Jacqueline Metzler, Siemens Healthineers
- 12:20 pm **Lunch – Sponsored by the Canadian Nuclear Association**



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1:10 pm **Panel – Equity and Access: Strategies for connecting rural, remote, and Indigenous health systems to care**

Mayor Ian Boddy, City of Owen Sound

Carlos Fachada, Isologic Innovative Radiopharmaceuticals

Dr. Jeffery Flemming, Newfoundland and Labrador Health Services

Chief Kelly LaRocca, Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

Session Chair: Alex Wellstead, Novartis

1:50 pm **Speed Round – Addressing barriers to success and advancement**

Presentation 1 – Post-therapy imaging: From current to optimal practice

Dr. Patrick Veit-Haibach, University Health Network

Presentation 2 – Partnerships that power progress in addressing rare radioisotope supply

Joseph Oliverio, Actineer

Presentation 3 – Leveraging AI in theranostics: Accelerating innovation, reducing headwinds

Sergio Calvo, GE HealthCare

Presentation 4 – Reimagining PET: Clinical expansion beyond oncology and real-world barriers

Dr. Brigitte Guérin, Université de Sherbrooke

Session Chair: Wilfred Lee, Telix Pharmaceuticals

2:50 pm **Coffee and Exhibitor Break – Sponsored by ABX**

3:20 pm **Panel – A multidisciplinary health approach to scaling Canadian capacity**

Fiona Cherryman, The Michener Institute

Dr. Narinder Paul, London Health Sciences Centre

Dr. Amit Singnurkar, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Dr. Frank Wuest, University of Alberta

Session Chair: Scott Phelps, BWXT Medical

4:00 pm **Presentation of Novartis Canadian Radioligand Therapy Innovation Awards**

4:50 pm **Day 1 Closing Remarks**

5:00 pm **Celebratory Cocktail Reception – Sponsored by Novartis**

To access the full agenda with session descriptions and speaker information, please scan this QR code to go directly to the Summit web page.



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DAY 2 - MAY 26TH

- 8:00 am **Continued Registration & Breakfast**
- 9:00 am **Day 2 Opening Remarks**
Owen Roberts, Canadian Medical Isotope Ecosystem
- 9:05 am **Keynote – The global perspective: Canada's responsibility**
Dr. May Abdel-Wahab, International Atomic Energy Agency
Session Chair: Dr. Mary Gospodorowicz, University Health Network
- 9:25 am **Presentation – Canada's progress towards doubling production of isotopes by 2030**
James Scongack, Canadian Nuclear Isotope Council
- 9:40 am **Saskatchewan and Canada's Isotope Edge: A Fireside Chat with Minister Kaeding**
Minister Warren Kaeding, Saskatchewan's Minister of Trade and Export Development, and Minister Responsible for Innovation
Session Chair: James Scongack, Canadian Nuclear Isotope Council
- 10:10 am **Coffee and Exhibitor Break – Sponsored by Boston Scientific**
- 10:35 am **Panel – Towards best practice in Radioligand Therapy: From inception to implementation**
Neil Babcock, Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
Sara Dolatshahi, Nuclear Waste Management Organization
Céline Landié, Novartis
Dr. Duncan Sutherland, University of Western Ontario
Session Chair: Dr. Mark Harfenstellar, ITM Group
- 11:15 am **Mini Ted Talks – Canadian cancer care perspectives**
 Ted Talk 1 – The real-life impact of theranostics: A patient perspective
John Garbin, Two North Group Inc
 Ted Talk 2 – Target, deliver, treat: Using the TheraSphere in liver cancer and beyond
Dr. Amol Mujoomdar, London Health Sciences Centre
 Ted Talk 3 – Integrating theranostics to redefine the cancer care journey
Jess Hiatt, Siemens Healthineers
 Ted Talk 4 – Leveraging Cancer Ablation Therapy for shorter, smarter, and more patient-centered treatment
Dr. Arjun Sahgal, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre
Session Chair: Melody Greaves, Canadian Nuclear Isotope Council
- 12:10 pm **Lunch – Sponsored by CANDU Energy Inc.**

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1:00 pm **Speed Round – Regional Innovation Showcase**

Ottawa: The Capital of research and translation

Dr. Adam Shuhendler, Yellowbird Diagnostics and the University of Ottawa

Edmonton & Calgary: TracerHUB radioisotope and radiopharmaceutical development in Western Canada

Dr. Vincent Bouvet, Calgary Radiopharmaceutical Centre

Halifax: Atlantic isotope leadership in patient care collaboration

Dr. Andrew Ross, Queen Elizabeth II Hospital

Hamilton: A Canadian spin-out and commercialization success story

Dr. John Preston, McMaster University

Session Chair: Lise Taylor, Laurentis Energy Partners

2:10 pm **Panel – Technologies that accelerate radiotheranostics discovery and translation**

Chantal Hearst, SAGE Engineering

Dr. Katarzyna Jerzak, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Dr. Fei-Fei Liu, CIHR Institute of Cancer Research

Darryl Spector, Promation

Session Chair: Craig Shelley, GE HealthCare

2:50 pm **Presentations – Canadian Contributions to Radiotheranostics: Trials, Investigators, and Impact**

Presentation 1 – Beyond progression-free survival for PSMA prostate cancer: Key insights from the PR21 Trial

Dr. Glenn Bauman, London Health Sciences Centre

Presentation 2 – NETTER-2 Trial: A paradigm shift in neuroendocrine tumor care

Dr. Simron Singh, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre

Session Chair: Dr. Luke Brzozowski, University Health Network

3:35 pm **Coffee & Exhibitor Break – Sponsored by PHSE USA Corp.**

4:05 pm **Panel – Canada's competitive edge: Positioning our isotope ecosystem globally**

Riaz Bandali, Nordion

Dr. Cornelia Hoehr, TRIUMF

Dr. David Kirsch, University Health Network

Paula Resende, Invest Ontario

Session Chair: Holly Bilton, Canadian Medical Isotope Ecosystem

4:50 pm **2026 Summit Closing Remarks**

Holly Bilton, Canadian Medical Isotope Ecosystem

Julia Publicover, University Health Network

5:00 pm **Exhibitor time during exit**

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STUDENT PROGRAM: SPEAKER INFORMATION

We're grateful to the Canadian and international leaders who are joining us as speakers at the Leaders' Summit 2026.



Alicia Ashton, Strategic Analyst, Business Development, *BWXT Medical Ltd.*

Alicia Ashton is a Strategic Analyst with the Business Development at BWXT Medical. In this role, she conducts market research and outreach activities to support business strategy and market entry and growth initiatives. Alicia holds a M.A. in International Affairs with a specialization in intelligence from Carleton University, as well as an Honours degree in International Development and Globalization from the University of Ottawa. Prior to working in the nuclear medicine industry, Alicia spent 5 years in co-op roles with various federal government departments.



Cait MacKinnon, Director of Programs and Partnerships, *Nuclear Innovation Institute*

Cait MacKinnon is the Director of Programs and Partnerships at the Nuclear Innovation Institute (NII), where she serves as the Program Lead for the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition and provides strategic oversight and support to the Clean Energy Frontier program.

Prior to this role, she spent over a decade working as a registered nurse, supporting individuals living with mental health and substance use disorders. In 2025, Cait led the Community Resiliency Strategy Project. Launched in March 2026 through Bruce Power Nexus Research Centre at NII, this project reflected her commitment to strengthening community well-being through collaboration, partnership building and forward-thinking initiatives.

Outside of her professional life, Cait is a dedicated mother of two young daughters, an avid baseball and hockey fan and enjoys camping across Southwestern Ontario.



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Chad MacLean, Senior Director of Business Development & Transformation, *Bruce Power*

Chad MacLean joined Bruce Power in 2011, starting out with the company as the Section Manager of Bruce Power's radioactive waste management program. After leading this program for 5 years, Chad joined the Senior Leadership Team at the Bruce B station, where he held the role of Chemistry & Environment Manager, along with spending time in Operations leading the Fuel Handling, Dry Fuel Storage and Isotope handling teams. After supporting the successful completion of the defuel campaign for Bruce Power's first Major Component Replacement in Unit 6, Chad moved over to join the Business Development team. In his current role, Chad is responsible for Bruce Power's new nuclear strategy and oversight of the medical isotope program.

As a representative of Bruce Power, Chad is an active board member of the Nuclear Innovation Institute and has participated in CSA and COG committees and sub-committees, along with being a mentor in the Easter Seals Mentorship program. Chad graduated from York University, completed his MBA in 2019 and recently received his PMP designation.



Clarisse Lièvre, Founder, *Forget the Name*

Clarisse Lièvre is the Founder of Forget the Name, a consultancy that helps organizations hire better, train smarter, and build the teams behind their growth.

With over 12 years of international experience across Europe and North America - including extensive work within the nuclear sector - she brings a fresh, pragmatic perspective to hiring and retention practices. Clarisse specializes in helping organizations navigate talent challenges, from attracting the right candidates to creating environments where people want to stay and grow.

Known for her engaging and practical approach, Clarisse turns complex recruitment and career challenges into simple, actionable strategies. Through her workshops, she equips participants with the tools to communicate their strengths, approach employers with confidence, and stand out in competitive job markets.



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Dr. Dave Shorey, Executive Director of Government Relations & Community Engagement, *Georgian College*
Member of the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition

Dr. Dave Shorey is Executive Director, Government Relations and Community Engagement at Georgian College, where he advances workforce development and economic growth through partnerships with community, government, and industry. He previously served as Executive Director of Georgian's Owen Sound campus, focusing on regional development, workforce localization, and skills training aligned with local labour market needs. For more than 20 years, Dave has worked at the intersection of education, innovation, and community capacity building, helping regions and sectors recognize and act on emerging opportunities while building shared capabilities that amplify impact.

He holds a Doctor of Education from Western University and previously served as Innovation Officer for Bruce County's Municipal Innovation Council, based at the Nuclear Innovation Institute, where he collaborated with municipalities, community partners, and energy sector companies to identify opportunities, strengthen regional capabilities, and advance collaborative innovation. Earlier in his career, he held leadership roles at Wilfrid Laurier University, where he led student affairs strategy, founded and scaled a nationally recognized residence education program, and co-developed and delivered graduate and co-curricular offerings that strengthened student transition, retention, and success.



Doris Kiiffner, Human Resources Manager, *Nordion*

Doris Kiiffner is the Human Resources Manager at Nordion. As the HR business partner, she acts as a strategic liaison between HR and business leaders, to align human capital strategies with company goals. As the Talent Acquisition Manager, she is always on the lookout for key talent to join the organization, and leverages university/college relationships to promote careers in nuclear.

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Dr. Douglas Boreham, Professor, *Northern Ontario School of Medicine University*

Dr. Douglas Boreham received his Ph.D. from the University of Ottawa in 1990. Dr. Boreham was a research scientist at Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd, Chalk River Laboratories for 10 years prior to becoming a professor at McMaster University from 2000-2012. He is currently a professor at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University (NOSM U) in the Medical Sciences Division. While working at McMaster University and NOSM U he also held positions at Bruce Power Nuclear Station as Principal Scientist for the Environment and Integration Departments.

Dr. Boreham is a recognized leader in the areas of low dose radiation effects in medicine and health, and radioprotection of humans and the environment. He has acknowledged with several awards including McMaster President's Award for Excellence in Instruction, Canadian Nuclear Achievement Award for outstanding Education and Communications, Canadian Radiation Protection Association – Distinguished Achievement Award in Recognition of Outstanding Contributions in the Field of Radiation Protection, Radiation Research Society – Mentor of the Year Award for Scholars in Training. The International Dose-Response Society selected Dr. Boreham as recipient of the Outstanding Leadership Award in the field of Dose Response. He has mentored numerous students and has over 160 peer reviewed scientific publications. He is a board member of the Radiation Research Foundation and was the 2024-2025 President of the Radiation Research Society.



Giovanna Ippolito, Managing Director, *Pacer Precision Logistics*

Giovanna Ippolito is the Managing Director of Pacer Precision Logistics, a critical logistics provider serving the life sciences industry. She leads with precision and purpose, continuously strengthening the supply chain so patient doses arrive safely, on time, and without compromise. In a space where there is no room for error, Giovanna sees every shipment as part of a larger puzzle each detail, partner, and process fitting together to protect the integrity of the dose from end to end.

With a background rooted in quality and strategic growth, she believes true leadership means staying close to the details, working collaboratively, and never losing sight of the bigger picture. Whether auditing ISO-driven processes, strengthening compliance frameworks, or identifying operational gaps before they become risks, she is committed to building a logistics model that patients and partners can rely on. Her focus is simple: protect the dose, support the customer, and never stop improving because every movement matters, and every patient matters.



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**Hitesh Badgujar**, Strategic Growth Manager, *Nordion*

Hitesh Badgujar is a Strategic Growth Manager at Nordion, where he has spent over three years leading initiatives in the medical radioisotope sector. His work focuses on identifying growth opportunities, developing strategic partnerships, and supporting the expansion of Nordion's presence in the radiopharmaceutical industry.

He holds a background in pharmaceutical sciences and an MBA and brings prior experience in intellectual property research and consulting. Hitesh is particularly interested in the intersection of science, intellectual property, and business within the radiopharmaceutical space.

**Jacqueline Parco**, Technical Design Lead - Research Scientist, *Canadian Nuclear Laboratories*

Jacqueline Parco is a mechanical engineer whose career has focused on designing, developing, and commissioning specialized equipment for high-hazard, low-access environments. Her work spans reactor tooling, hot cell systems, decommissioning tools, and the equipment behind modern medical isotope production.

After leading the Assembly, Commissioning & Electrical branch at Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, where she guided a multidisciplinary team delivering complex mechanical and electrical systems, Jacqueline turned her attention to one of the most exciting frontiers in nuclear science, medical isotopes.

Today, she serves as the technical design lead for CNL's Actinium 225 (Ac 225) development and production program, advancing the engineering needed to bring the next generation of targeted alpha therapies to reality.

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Lise Taylor, Director of Isotopes Strategy & Business Development, *Laurentis Energy Partners*
Member of the Central and Eastern Ontario Isotope Alliance

Lise Taylor is the Director of Isotopes Strategy and Business Development at Laurentis Energy Partners. Prior to joining Laurentis in April 2024, Lise spent 24 years in the pharmaceutical industry in a variety of business development and marketing roles. Lise worked at Bayer Canada for 15 years of which the period 2013-2023, was dedicated to Xofigo (radium-223 dichloride), facilitating the setup of 50+ programs at nuclear medicine departments across Canada and shaped the marketing strategy and commercial tactical plan.

In 2023, Lise went to Advanced Accelerator Applications (now Novartis Canada) as Director of Marketing, Radioligand Therapy with focus on the early Canadian commercial launch of Pluvicto (Lu-177-PSMA-617) and ongoing marketing of Lutathera (Lu-177 dotatate). Lise has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Toronto and an MBA from the Schulich School of Business. In her personal time, she enjoys playing hockey, hiking and traveling with her husband and two children.



Dr. Melissa Chassé, Senior Principal Scientist (Discovery Radiochemistry), *Eli Lilly and Company*

Dr. Melissa Chassé completed her graduate studies under the supervision of Prof. Neil Vasdev at the University of Toronto in collaboration with CAMH. Her doctoral thesis focused on biomarker identification and radiotracer development for positron emission tomography (PET) imaging a rare form of childhood brain cancer to support drug discovery efforts and clinical trials. She has been working in the radioligand development space for several years and has ample experience with a variety of diagnostic and therapeutic radionuclides (e.g. ^3H , ^{11}C , ^{18}F , ^{89}Zr , ^{111}In , ^{225}Ac).

She successfully defended her doctoral thesis with no revisions in Fall 2025 and now holds the position of Senior Principal Scientist (Discovery Radiochemistry) at Eli Lilly and Company.

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Ram Mullur, Vice President of Strategic Development, *Astral Systems*

Ram Mullur is a seasoned executive with over 17 years of leadership experience in medical isotopes and radiopharmaceutical businesses. Ram currently serves as Vice President of Strategic Development at Astral Systems, UK, a fast-growing start-up founded in 2021. Astral has been advancing its pioneering next-generation Multi-State Fusion Technology to produce “fast” neutrons. Astral is deploying these neutrons across a growing number of high-value applications with significant unmet industry needs.

Prior to Astral, Ram held senior management roles at leading global organizations, spanning operations, business management, business development, and managing complex R&D and commercialisation programmes at organisations including Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL), Jubilant Radiopharma, and BWXT Medical. While serving as Vice President of the Isotopes Business at CNL, Ram led the development and commercialisation of Ac-225 using (p,2n) technology and was the founding President of Actineer Inc., a joint venture between CNL and ITM Radiopharmaceuticals. Ram holds an M.Sc. in Chemistry and an MBA from McGill University.



Raymond Taylor, Senior Key Account Manager for Ontario and Western Canada, *Isologic Innovative Radiopharmaceuticals*

Raymond Taylor is the Senior Key Account Manager for Ontario and Western Canada at Isologic Innovative Radiopharmaceuticals. With 35 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, Ray brings a deep understanding of the field and a strong commitment to supporting clients who rely on Isologic to deliver radiodiagnostic tracers to accurately diagnose, manage and treat disease. His work is grounded in a continued focus on patient-centered care.

Over the course of his career, Ray has held roles in product development, quality assurance, regulatory inspections/audits, and radiopharmacy management. These diverse experiences have given him insight into both innovator and generic pharmaceutical environments, including positions with Bristol-Myers Squibb, AstraZeneca, Apotex, Lantheus, and Isologic.

In addition, Ray has been actively involved in training, hiring, and career development across various areas of the industry, contributing to the growth and success of both individuals and organizations. Outside of his professional life, Ray is passionate about his family, enjoys cooking, and is an avid long-distance cyclist.



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If you have any dietary restrictions or preferences that were not indicated on your registration form, please email melody.greaves@canadianisotopes.ca to ensure we can accommodate your needs.



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