



Renewable Bioproducts Institute 90th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, October 17 – Friday, October 18, 2019

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- 5:00 p.m. Meet and greet reception
- 6:00 p.m. Welcome address
- 8:00 p.m. Evening concludes

Friday, October 18

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Speakers:

Chris Luetzgen, Associate Director of RBI and Professor of the Practice, School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering – “Overview of the Day’s Events”

Chaouki Abdallah, Executive Vice President of Research at Georgia Tech

Meisha Shofner, Interim Executive Director of RBI and Associate Professor, School of Material Science and Engineering – “The State of RBI”

Jim Ferris, former President of IPST and the IPC Foundation – “A 50 Year Relationship with the Institute”

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. Speakers:

Ron Rousseau, Professor and C.J. “Pete” Silas Chair Emeritus, School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering – “Leading the Institute through Changes”

Camilla Abbati, Senior Analyst and Product Manager, Fisher International – “A Retrospective on 90 years and the Future of the Paper Industry”

Virginia Howell, Director of the Robert C. Williams Museum of Papermaking – “The State of the Museum and Education Center”

Tom Rodencal, President, Rodencal and Associates – “Research on the History of the Museum’s Pilot Paper Machine”

Noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Speaker:

Gary Black, Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture – “The Importance of Forest Products for the State and the Nation”

1:25 – 5:00 p.m. Optional tours and activities

- A. Guided tour of Robert C. Williams Museum of Papermaking and/or
- B. Tour of laboratories associated with pulp and paper

5:30 p.m. Evening reception

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner banquet