

MedCan Summit

Connecting medicine, science, industry and technology for a new frontier of care

10 – 11 February 2022

DAY 1

08.20 **Stream Online**

08.40 **Mihi/Karakia**

08.50 **Opening remarks from the MC**

Andrew Patterson, *Business Commentator*

9.05 **BioTech NZ's welcome to the MedCan Summit**

Dr Zahra Champion, *Executive Director*, **BioTech NZ**

9.10 **Networking breakout spaces**

Meet and greet your fellow attendees in random breakout rooms in this icebreaker session.

9.20 **Opening keynote: Global sector review | How is the medicinal cannabis industry shaping globally?**

- Looking into how cannabinoids are being used across sector i.e. cosmetics, beverages and more
- Insights into evidence on consumption trends across the globe
 - What impact is medicinal cannabis having?
- How is this driving product design in the industry?

Melissa Clark-Reynolds, *Futurist*, futurecentre.nz

9.50 **Ministerial address by Hon. Andrew Little**, *Minister of Health*, **Labour Party**

10.05 **CEO panel: The state of play for New Zealand’s medicinal cannabis industry in 2021 and beyond**

- Comparing New Zealand’s medicinal cannabis industry to the world
- What is the opportunity to be part of the global industry and catch up to the global players?
- What is unique about New Zealand’s harvest (and product) to drive a global opportunity to drive our economy as well as contribute to global healthcare and wellbeing outcomes?
- What are the milestones that the industry needs to reach to achieve a commercially sustainable industry?
- Keeping it local – what are the collaboration options for Maori businesses and organisations to expand their interest in primary industries?

Carmen Doran, *Chief Executive Officer, Helius Therapeutics*

Rob Mitchell, *Chief Executive Officer, Rua Bioscience*

Mark Lucas, *Chief Executive Officer, Cannasouth*

Tim Aldrige, *Managing Director, Puro*

Mitch Cuevas, *Pharmaceutical Director, Eqalis*

11.00 BREAK

	Industry Stream Facilitated by: Andrew Patterson <i>Business Commentator</i>	Science stream Facilitated by: Imche Fourie, CEO and <i>Co-Founder, Outset Ventures</i>
11.20	<p>Panel: Women in the medicinal cannabis industry in New Zealand</p> <p>Moderated by: Carmen Doran, <i>CEO, Helius Therapeutics</i></p> <p>Eva Neshat, Founder and CEO, Elysian Pharmaceuticals & Canna+</p> <p>Zoe Reece, Founder and CEO, Ora Pharm</p> <p>Dottie Clower, Chief Scientific Officer, Puro</p>	<p>Digging for seeds An in-depth discussion the pros and cons of the current mechanisms to access seeds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Zealand gene bank • different genetic technologies • development of unique plants to those grown internationally • Which traits to select- from disease resistance to cannabinoid profiles • role of data management in a well-run breeding programme <p>Dr Anna Campbell, Consultant, AbacusBio</p>
11.50		<p>Understand the diseases that threaten NZ’s medicinal cannabis industry</p>

		Kai Keli'iho'omalua , <i>Cultivation Manager</i> , Helius Therapeutics
12.20	Investing in the future of the medical cannabis industry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of investment • Trends • Future of investments Kirsten Lunman , <i>GM</i> , Hatch	Fireside chat: Helping talent navigate through the sector Moderator: Carmen Doran , <i>CEO</i> , Helius Therapeutics Interviewee: Ali Seyfouddin , <i>Associate Professor of Drug Delivery and Biological Engineering Deputy Head of School</i> , School of Science, Auckland University of Technology
12.50	Sustainable sector development through whole plant utilisation Andrew Cameron , <i>Principal Consultant</i> , Callaghan Innovation Anna Yallop , <i>General Manager</i> , Bioresource Processing Alliance	Fireside chat: Insights from the study on COVID for the MedCan industry Interviewee: Adele Hosseini , <i>Chief Scientific Officer</i> , Bod Australia
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2.10 **Ministry of Health Address: Medicinal Cannabis Scheme | An update on New Zealand's current roadblocks and Opportunities**

- Medicinal cannabis licensing regime
- Verification of products against the minimum quality standards
- Regulation changes

Andrea Eng, *Manager of Regulatory Practice & Analysis*, **Medicinal Cannabis Agency, Ministry of Health**

2.40 **Closing keynote: An agronomic approach to the cultivation of medicinal cannabis**

- Providing an overview of Australia's approach to growing cannabis for medicinal purposes
 - An in-depth discussion on indoor versus outdoor growth – how do they differ and will one dominate over the other?
- Showcasing technology in play to capture data and assisting with cultivation
- The road that lays ahead – opportunities for growth and collaboration

Tom Forrest, *Co-Founder, Indicated Technology (AUS); Cultivation Director, Puro (NZ)*

3.20 **Summary remarks from the Chair**

DAY 2

8.30 **Stream Online**

8.50 **Welcome back from the MC**

Facilitator: Andrew Patterson, *Business Commentator*

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Addressing the challenges associated with accessing medicinal cannabis

9.20 **Fireside chat: Bonni Goldstein MD, *Medical Director, Canna Centers Wellness & Education***

9.40 **MP Address – Brooke van Velden, ACT Party**

10.00 **Adding value to the medicinal cannabis sector with New Zealand’s brand David Downs, *CEO, New Zealand Story Group***

10.40 **Morning break**

11.00 **New Zealand’s 2 Billion Dollar Opportunity**

- An update on the Natural Health Products bill
- The opportunity to develop the CBD sector in New Zealand – what are the resources available to achieve this?
- Insights into the economic opportunity

Mitch Cuevas, *Pharmaceutical Director, Equalis*

11.40 **Panel discussion: Crown Research Industries (CRI’s) supporting the medicinal cannabis**

- Explaining the work currently being undertaken by Crown Research Institutes in the medicinal cannabis space
- Advocating for the industry – a spotlight on the work taking place here

Dr Emma Bermingham, *Science Objective Leader, Added Value Foods & Bio-Based Products, AgResearch*

Richard Newcombe, *Chief Scientific Officer, Plant & Food Research*

Dr Florian Graichen, *GM – Forests to Biobased products, Scion*

12.20 **Lunch**

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- Roundtable 2: EBM4CBD/THC
Facilitators: Dr Michael Murphy MB, BS, Pharm B.Sc (Hons), Clinical Director, CannaPlus+;
Dr Afraz Adam MBBS. FRNZCUC, Chief Medical Officer, CannaPlus+
- Roundtable 3: **Extraction technologies**
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- 2.20 **Afternoon break**
- 2.40 **Medicinal cannabis in veterinary use in New Zealand**
- Exploring the reality of using CBD oil and other CBD products for animals
 - Educating the people on the use of medicinal cannabis use for animals – how can this be done effectively?
 - Insights on how medicinal cannabis is used in conjunction with other medicines for pets
 - Highlighting overseas success stories that New Zealand can learn and benefit from
- Jacob Morrison**
- 3.10 **International Speaker - 'CBD: Past, Present & Future**
- Martin Lee, Director, Project CBD**
- 3.40 **Closing remarks and end of conference**