



DR. MARTIN SCHWEIZER TO PRESENT ON BURCON'S CANOLA & SOY PROTEINS

Vancouver, British Columbia, May 21, 2009 – Burcon NutraScience Corporation (TSX-V: BU) announces today that Dr. Martin Schweizer, Manager Technical Development, will present at Bridge2Food's "Food Proteins Course 2009" taking place in Anaheim, California, USA on June 9 - 11, 2009. International speakers from a large number of globally recognized food and nutrition companies will address trends and developments in protein ingredients.

Dr. Schweizer's presentation on Burcon's revolutionary acid soluble proteins follows the announcement in October 2008 that Burcon's canola proteins, Puratein[®] and Supertein[™] were GRAS affirmed in the United States and our subsequent announcement in November 2008 of Burcon's new CLARISOY[™] soy protein isolate.

CLARISOY[™] is 100% soluble and completely transparent in acidic solutions, enabling applications in ready to drink beverages ranging down to pH 2.5 and lower. CLARISOY[™] lacks the traditional 'beany' taste of soy, giving beverages a cleaner flavour. The solubility and transparency of CLARISOY[™] allows for its use in a wide variety of beverages where traditional soy isolates are not appropriate. It is also heat stable, permitting hot-fill applications. Burcon's CLARISOY[™] shows great promise for use in a variety of healthy and great tasting beverage and food applications.

Powdered CLARISOY[™] is easily dispersed and dissolved, 100% soluble and completely transparent in solutions. This will enable CLARISOY[™] to be formulated as a protein source in a variety of powdered beverage mixes or be easily added by the consumer by simply stirring it into their favourite beverage.

Puratein[®] is a canola protein isolate with functional properties that include emulsification, gel formation, thickening, formation of heat-stable foams, and water- and ingredient binding. Applications for Puratein[®] include dressings, meat substitutes, baked goods and protein bars, among many others.

Supertein[™] is a canola protein isolate with functional properties including excellent solubility, the ability to form transparent solutions and foaming. Applications for Supertein[™] include beverages, confectionery, aerated desserts, and protein bars, among many others.

Nutritionally, Burcon's canola proteins are equally exciting with unique amino acid profiles. Supertein[™] is uniquely rich in sulfur amino acids and particularly rich in cysteine. The typical cysteine content of Burcon's Supertein[™] is nearly double that of whey protein, which is recognized for its high cysteine content.

About Burcon NutraScience

Burcon is a leader in nutrition, health and wellness in the field of functional, renewable plant proteins. Since 1999, Burcon has developed a portfolio of composition, application, and process patents originating from our core protein extraction and purification technology. We are developing the world's first commercial canola proteins, Puratein® and Supertein™ with unique functional and nutritional attributes, and CLARISOY™, a revolutionary soy protein isolate which is 100% soluble and completely transparent in acidic solutions. Our team of highly specialized scientists and engineers work from our own research facility to develop and optimize environmentally sound technologies. To-date, our patent portfolio consists of 84 issued patents worldwide, including 8 issued U.S. patents, and well in excess of 200 additional pending patent applications, 54 of which are U.S. patent applications.

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The TSX Venture Exchange has not reviewed and does not accept responsibility for the adequacy of the content of the information contained herein. This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements relate to, among other things, plans and timing for the introduction or enhancement of our products, statements about future market conditions, supply and demand conditions, and other expectations, intentions and plans contained in this press release that are not historical fact. Our expectations regarding the prospect for future success depend upon our ability to develop and sell products, which we do not produce today and cannot be sold without further research and development. When used in this press release, the words “goal”, “intend”, “believes” and “potential” and similar expressions, generally identify forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current expectations. They are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. In light of the many risks and uncertainties surrounding the development of a source of protein from canola meal, you should understand that we cannot assure you that the forward looking statements contained in this press release will be realized.

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