

# BRCs well represented at 39th Symposium on Biotechnology for Fuels and Chemicals

- The Symposium on Biotechnology for Fuels and Chemicals (SBFC) was held May 1-4, 2017, in San Francisco, California.
- As part of the overall symposium the three DOE BRCs presented a combined total of twenty-two talks, including two as collaborations between the BRCs, and thirty-nine posters representing 28% of the talks and 15% of the posters.
- The presentations and posters highlighted the accomplishments, as well as common challenges in organization and research, in carrying out impactful mission-directed R&D in bioenergy.



*Charles D. Scott  
Award  
Winner  
2017  
**Jonathan R.  
Mielenz***

Jonathan Mielenz, retired researcher from ORNL and BESC, was awarded the 2017 Charles D. Scott award at the SBFC meeting. In his career Jonathan managed the DOE Biofuels Program at NREL, co-started two companies and was the Laboratory Biomass Program Manager for DOE.

Initiated in 1995, the Charles D. Scott Award recognizes individuals who have made distinguished contributions to enable and further the use of biotechnology to produce fuels and chemicals. The award is named in honor of Dr. Charles D. Scott, who founded the Symposium on Biotechnology for Fuels and Chemicals and chaired the conference for its first ten years.

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