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SCC ONTARIO CHAPTER MEETING

"Sensitive Skin – A Comprehensive Approach to Combating Inflammation of the skin"

-Susan Sperring May 29th, 2025

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May 29th, 2025

Location	Category	In-Person Attendance	Virtual Attendance
The Venetian Banquet Centre 219 Romina Drive, Vaughan,	SCC Member (Pre-paid)	\$60	\$50
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5:00 p.m. – Cocktails	Student (Pre-paid)	\$30	\$20
6:00 p.m. – Dinner	At the Door (All)	\$74	Not Available
7:00 –8:00 p.m. – Presentation	Note: Virtual attendance includes live access to the presentation at 7:00 p.m. Dinner and networking are exclusive to in-person attendees.		

Abstract:

Sensitive Skin – A Comprehensive Approach to Combating Inflammation of the skin

When questioned, 56% of people globally believe they have sensitive skin, with 73% of respondents claiming their skin is more sensitive now than just a few years ago. In addition, 87% of consumers believe that the solution against skin problems are from natural sources. What exactly is "sensitive skin"? Most consumers would use the terms, dry, red, rashy, stinging and itchy as descriptors, however many don't understand the role that each of these conditions play in the overall role of sensitive skin.

In this presentation, we will discuss some of the typical causes of sensitive skin and different pathways to sooth the skin. In addition, we will take a deeper look into the effect of an unbalanced microbiome and its overall effect on skin's sensitivity.

Biography:

Susan Sperring is a Technical Director at Symrise. Prior to Symrise, she also worked at Momentive Performance Materials, where she was the North American Marketing Manager for Personal Care and Home Care and Avon Products where she was a chemist for Global Skin Care. Sue has a bachelor's degree in chemistry from State University of New York- College at Oneonta and a master's degree in Cosmetic Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University





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March 2025 Meeting



SCC Ontario Bonus Education Day Recap - "Natural Oils and Butters: Technical Applications" with Benjamin Schwartz March 6th. 2025



The SCC Ontario chapter hosted a packed Bonus Education Day on March 6th, 2025, centered around the technical applications of Natural Oils and Butters. Led by seasoned formulator and industry expert Benjamin Schwartz, the full-day seminar delivered a deep dive into lipid science—bridging foundational chemistry with practical, high-level formulation insights.

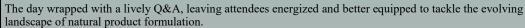
The day kicked off with an overview of lipid chemistry, covering key building blocks like fatty acids, triglycerides, waxes, sterols, and tocopherols. Attendees gained a clear understanding of how these components behave in cosmetic and personal care formulations.

Following a short break, the focus shifted to oxidative stability and the mechanisms behind lipid degradation. Schwartz highlighted the significance of iodine value and the Oxidative Stability Index (OSI), while exploring how antioxidants function at the molecular level—critical information for anyone working with natural ingredients.

After lunch, the discussion turned toward the physical behavior of fats and butters. Attendees examined how melt profiles and solid fat content (SFC) curves are impacted by fatty acid composition and triglyceride structure. Schwartz also addressed how formulation performance can be tweaked through processing and molecular modifications.

The final sessions tackled crystallization and fat morphology—explaining how chain packing, cooling rates, and crystal structure affect product stability, texture, and shelf life. These advanced insights gave attendees practical takeaways for improving the performance of emulsions, balms, and other lipid-rich systems.

Benjamin Schwartz's extensive background—from his early days at Estée Lauder to his current role as Customer Innovation Manager at AAK—lent real-world relevance and industry depth to the session. With two decades of R&D and product development experience, he seamlessly tied complex science to everyday formulation challenges.





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Ingredient Sourcing and Sustainability: The Growth of Vertical Farming and Biotech

Giorgio Dell'Acqua, NYSCC

Introduction

Climate change and environmental pressure have produced an unprecedented challenge to source natural ingredients through the classical supply chain, i.e. through standard plant cultivation or directly from the wild (1). This pressure has pushed farmers to cultivate crops and/or functional plants through the adoption of rotational agriculture and/or regenerative farming (based on soil preservation and biodynamic) (2,3), and it has increased the need to control and to regulate access for wild picking with the goal of preserving biodiversity. These practices are not only aligned with consumer desire for better quality and safer products but also with the increasing scrutiny of consumer packaged goods (CPG) manufacturers toward their sustainability agenda when developing products.

However, more thoughtful farming as well as better management of natural resources won't fully reverse environmental damage and curb climate change, which seems at the time being an irreversible process. While it is essential to protect and preserve the environment by better managing it to maintain a healthy ingredient supply chain, sourcing alternatives to the environment have started to appear in recent years. In this blog we will discuss vertical and cellular farming to produce natural ingredients into an indoor and controlled space as a modern as well as sustainable way.

Vertical Farming

Typically referring to indoor cultivation of plants, in stacked layers, with a controlled water, light, nutrients supply, and other factors (see Figure 1). Often hydroponic based, it is possible to optimize the growth as well as the chemical footprint of a plant for consistent results after each harvest. By changing the environmental equation and/or stressing the plant it is possible to achieve a specific chemical design and often to increase the number of specific molecules associated with specific benefits (4). Additional advantages are 1) plant conservation (plants that are currently struggling to survive in a changing environment can be saved in an indoor setting); 2) elimination of toxicity due to pollution or cultivation practices (heavy metals in soil, toxins, pesticides, etc.); 3) optimization of resources for cultivation (less dependence on the external environment and on soil quality); 4) fully circular and sustainable (it can be reproduced). Current challenges are the limitation of plants that can be grown (trees are not contemplated), the cost and the timing to optimization of scaling. In the cosmetic industry, we are starting to see some extracts that have been produced from plants cultivated using vertical farming, in particular flowering plants or plants known for the use of their roots, such as Ginseng.

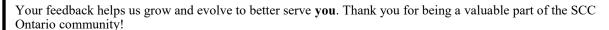
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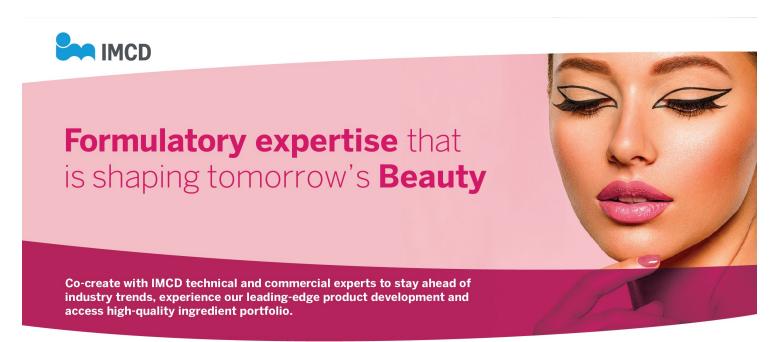












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Figure 1. Vertical Farming allows growing plants in a controlled environment.

Cellular Farming

Focusing on the production of plant extracts, this practice involves the isolation of plant cells mostly from plant meristems/calluses. The undifferentiated cells would grow in semisolid/liquid supports or reactors. The soluble fraction (mostly secondary metabolites) would then be extracted after centrifugation and separation of the non-soluble part. Introduced on the market several years ago as plant stem cells isolated from Apple, Ginger, Rice, etc., they became very popular and trendy. Characterized by their growth factors and polyphenolic content, these cells lysates have been often formulated at relatively low concentration in anti-aging/regenerative products (5). Advantages would be like Vertical Farming, i.e. dissociation from external environment dependence, lack of toxicity, better consistency in the finished product (less fluctuations due to the environment) and another way of producing relevant active ingredients in a sustainable manner. Challenge is still associated with costs and sometime physical characteristics (color, smell).

Most recently, the introduction of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in biotech driven plant farming, has allowed the effective production of molecules instead of plant extracts, avoiding the need for expensive purification from extracts (6). This technology consists in programming the cell line to specifically produce a specific molecule/ingredient. It will revolutionize the way ingredients are sourced, purified, and bring our industry closer to a pharmaceutical model, where safety and efficacy are not a trade-off.

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- January 20th
- February 6th
- May 1st
- August 28th
- October 9th



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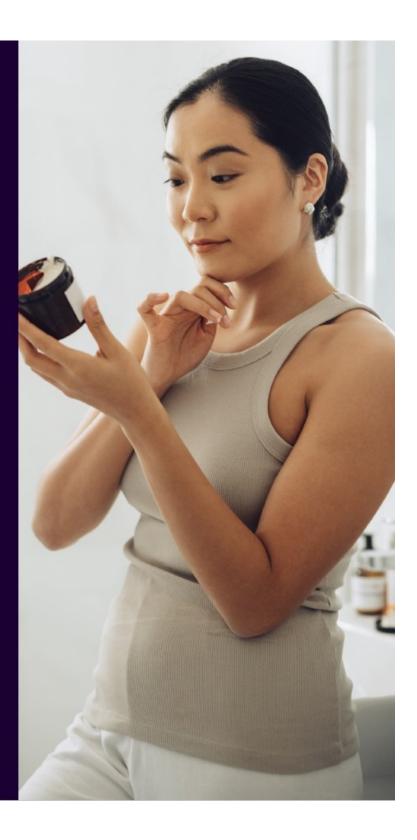
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Final remarks

Indoor Farming (both vertical and cellular) is a clever solution to produce plant extracts and molecules needed by the cosmetic industry. It will take some time to get these practices fully scalable and cost effective, but the demand is starting to grow, and the optimization gets better by the day. Indoor farming is also a way to reduce the pressure on standard farming and an environmentally independent solution when the environment is already struggling to provide the needs of a demanding supply chain. Biotech and Sustainability are aligned in this effort.

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Bio



Giorgio Dell'Acqua is a scientist, innovator and product developer. He worked at Nutrafol as the Chief Science Officer, where he led innovation and formulation. Prior to that, Giorgio led science at Kiehl's and worked with several other brands and ingredients companies to bring to the market innovative products. After obtaining his PhD in Cell Biology in 1989, Giorgio worked in Academia for 15 years in applied medical research. Moving into the private sector in 2000, he has spent the last 20+ years as an executive and cosmetic scientist in the personal care industry. During his career, he has directed Research and Development, Innovation, Science, and Product

Development at multiple companies. He has helped bring 300+ successful active ingredients and finished products to market, authored more than 95+ publications in medicine and cosmetic science, holds two patents and continues to act as a keynote speaker on clean beauty, natural ingredients, and sustainability. Giorgio is also the 2025 secretary of the US Society of Cosmetic Chemists (SCC), chair of the outreach committee for the NY chapter of the SCC, and founder and member of the NY chapter SCC scientific committee.



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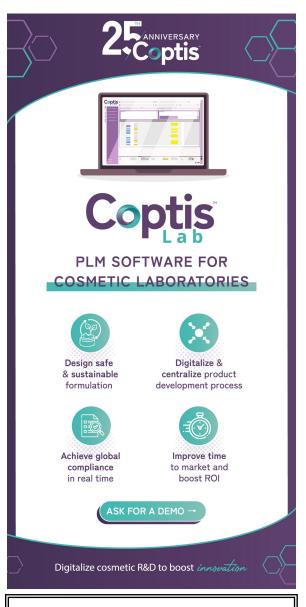
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July 23rd, 2025 Lionhead Golf Club & Conference Centre	SCC Ontario Annual Golf Tournament
September 25, 2025 The Venetian, Vaughan Ontario	Education Day—"Fundamentals of Microbiome for the Cosmetics Industry" presented by Paul Lawrence
November 6, 2025 The Venetian, Vaughan Ontario	SCC Ontario Chapter Meeting—TBA
December 5, 2025 The Venetian, Vaughan Ontario	SCC Ontario Holiday Dinner Dance
February 5, 2026 The Venetian, Vaughan Ontario	SCC Ontario Chapter LUNCH Meeting—TBA
March 5, 2026 The Venetian, Vaughan Ontario	SCC Ontario Chapter Meeting—TBA
May 28, 2026 The Venetian, Vaughan Ontario	SCC Ontario Chapter Meeting—TBA

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The Ontario Chapter has supported the Seneca Polytechnic Cosmetic Science Program and students by providing annual scholarships. Undergraduate students of the Seneca Polytechnic School of Biological Science and Applied Chemistry have also been supported by an annual award.

Successful scholarship and award candidates are encouraged to attend SCC meetings, volunteer at events, collaborate with members, prepare a poster presentation, write an article for the newsletter and make an oral presentation on their research at a chapter meeting.

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