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## **Revolutionary Biomimicry Conference Returns to Northeast Ohio**

BIOCENE Event Explores the "Transformation of Transportation" through Biomimicry

(Cleveland, OH, April 25, 2022) – The <u>Ohio Aerospace Institute</u> (OAI), together with its subsidiary <u>Great Lakes Biomimicry</u>, announced today the return of BIOCENE. The conference focuses on <u>biomimicry</u>, which accelerates innovation based on bio-inspired solutions already tried and tested in nature. The theme for this year's BIOCENE, "Transformation of Transportation," will explore the future of transportation - from materials to process design to space exploration/understanding - using <u>biomimetic</u> principles.

<u>BIOCENE</u> is held May 18, 19, and 20th at OAI headquarters in Cleveland, OH. The event is also offered virtually for those who cannot attend in-person.

"Looking through a biomimetic lens can accelerate progress toward solving complex problems while creating an evolved economy that supports ecological, economic, and societal health," said John Sankovic, President and CEO of OAI. "In its sixth year, BIOCENE is an important event for businesses, government agencies, and nonprofits looking to create sustainable solutions to transportation-related issues."

Attendees also include researchers, academics, students and K-12 teachers interested in biomimicry innovation.

Headlining the event is <u>Billy Almon</u>, astrobiofuturist, inventor, and teacher. Event details and registration at: https://oai.org/biocene-2022-event-registration/

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The Ohio Aerospace Institute is a nonprofit 501(c) (3), the first NASA associate collaborative institute chartered to foster relationships between industry, education and work with government agencies. The organization has 32 years of experience in aerospace research, education and workforce development, while building and managing collaborations, consortia and public and private relationships.

**Great Lakes Biomimicry** (GLB) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Ohio Aerospace Institute. GLB helps businesses and organizations learn from biology to accelerate sustainable innovation. Formed as a 501 (c) (3) in 2010, GLB has collaborated with several Northeast Ohio organizations and businesses to bring the solutions from nature to those seeking a new way to think about innovation in aerospace and beyond.