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## About the Conference: GPEC® 2009

Thank you for joining for *“Plastics: The Wonderful World of Sustainability and Recycling”* at GPEC® 2009 on February 25-27, 2009 at **Disney's Coronado Springs Resort**, Orlando, Florida, USA. This is your chance to learn about new technologies and innovations for plastics sustainability and recycling.

\*\*\*New this year\*\*\* GPEC® 2009 is being held “back-to-back” with the Plastics Recycling 2009 Conference (Tuesday/Wednesday) at the same location. GPEC® 2009 kicks off with the Connections Reception on Wednesday evening with the balance of GPEC® 2009 on Thursday/Friday.

### Plenary Speakers

**Eric Connell - “Toyota Automotive Applications and Expectations of BioBased Materials”**  
12 PM, Thursday, February 26

**Dr. John Christy, University of Alabama: "Climate Change by the Numbers "**  
12 PM, Friday, February 27

### Technical Program

The Technical Program for GPEC® 2009 includes:

1. Bio-based and Biodegradable Materials
  2. Reclamation and Supply (PCR & PIR)
  3. Recycling: Electronics, Marketing and Business, Automotive, Regulatory Ribbon
- Adrian Merrington is the GPEC® Technical Chair

### Clean Technology Business Forum and Competition

Outstanding entrepreneurs have submitted business plans for participation in the forum. *Battelle is sponsoring the competition and will award the top business plan \$2,000 and the runner-up \$1,000.* The forum is an excellent opportunity to find out more about the clean technology space.  
Eric Koester is the Clean Technology Competition Chair.

### Environmental Stewardship Awards

These awards will recognize corporations and other institutions that have demonstrated environmental leadership and excellence. Pallatheri (Subu) Subramanian is the GPEC® 2009 Awards Chairman.

### Exhibits/Sponsors

- Thursday, February 26
- Friday, February 27

### Student Poster Session

### Environmental Stewardship Awards Dinner

- Evening of Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for attending GPEC® 2009. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. Learn, network, contribute, and have some fun while you're at it.

Sincerely,

**Susan Kozora**  
GPEC® 2009 Chair