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Jan Slaski is a Senior Researcher and a leader of the Crop Development and Management team with the Ecosystems and Plant Sciences Unit of Alberta Innovates Technology Futures (AITF), Vegreville, Alberta. He obtained a M.Sc. in agronomy from the Warsaw Agricultural University and Ph.D. from the Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Institute, Poland. During the last 14 years he has been leading research aimed at the introduction and breeding of hemp varieties that suit the needs of the fibre and food industries on the Prairies. Jan has also been conducting extensive studies focused on the development of best management practices, permitting sustainable hemp production under changing environmental conditions. To fully realize the potential residing within hemp and to assure whole crop utilization, Jan assembled at AITF a program offering solutions from “seed to final product” that includes extensive biochemical profiling of cannabinoids and identification of environmental factors promoting synthesis of non-psychoactive compounds in industrial hemp. Since 2012, Jan has been serving the hemp industry as a director of the Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance.

