



# BEACON NEWS

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE BEACON MEMBERS

### **Court Square Group (member since 2000) Recognized as Winner of 2011 Microsoft Life Sciences Innovation Award**



The award, announced at the Drug Information Association's (DIA) 47th annual meeting in Chicago this summer, honors companies using Microsoft solutions to realize business and information technology benefits. This year's winners are revolutionizing medicine by bringing therapeutic breakthroughs to the market faster, to fight serious ailments, improve healthcare and enhance people's quality of life. CORRONA, the Consortium of Rheumatology Researchers of North America, Inc. founded in needed a more robust solution to collect data and easily modify their questionnaires for this ongoing longitudinal patient database. The solution developed by Court Square Group relied on Sharepoint to provide an extensible and flexible rules-based security model. The application, based on Infopath, feeds patient data into a SQLServer database. CORRONA has now been able to collect and data mine more than 76,000 patient years of records for over 35,000 patients for the past 10 years. This is the largest source of Rheumatoid Arthritis information in the world and has become the foundation for other clinical trials and international studies. "Court Square is extremely proud of this award as it reflects our commitment to the ideals that CORRONA has in furthering research into Rheumatoid Arthritis. Our work in the Life Science arena, and particularly with Corrona, illustrates our commitment to using technology to help change the way that medicine is practiced. We believe that the CORRONA base system can be a starting point for capturing clinically relevant data over multiple disease

states and provide a robust architecture for advancing research dramatically through it's use," says Keith Parent, CEO of Court Square Group, Inc. Court Square Group, Inc., [www.courtsquaregroup.com](http://www.courtsquaregroup.com) is a professional services consulting firm specializing in strategic information technology, network, infrastructure, private cloud hosting and project management and development.



### **CIRACET (member since 2005) Granted ISO 9001:2008 Certification**

Since it's inception in 1998, CIRACET Corp. (Caribbean Institute for the Research and Advancement of Clinical Engineering and Technology) has focused in developing procedures and best practices relating to the management of health care technology in order to help providers improve patient services, achieve the highest levels of quality and to compete in the health market both at the national and international level. Last year, a multi disciplinary group of professionals from CIRACET devoted time and effort to comply with the objectives of validating and achieving the introduction of a new Quality Management System for the renowned Division of Biomedical Equipment Maintenance Management Services, under the regulations of the prestigious SIO 900 : 2008 standard.

After much effort, investment and dedication last February, ABS Quality Evaluations recommended to the international agency that ISO 9001:2008 certification be granted to CIRACET Corp. without any conditions. This determination was given after a thorough and comprehensive audit process where CIRACET meet all the requirements. "Achieving our Quality Management System under ISO 9001:2008 certification, not only validates the commitment that we have as a company

to the care of the patient; but it also assures our customers that our company is always seeing progress through a methodology of value that focuses on the detail in all that we do”, said Eng. Oscar Mislá, President of CIRACET Corp. Mislá in turn added; “the effort reached today and the challenges to which we have committed prospectively would not have been attained if it wasn’t because of the commitment from CIRACET’s talented personnel”.

“The commitment to the recertification of our Quality Management System now is of utmost importance, since we will be working under guidelines recognized at the international level, as established in the bases of the norm ISO 9001:2008. The implementation and certification of a quality management system allows us to assure our customers that our work will be comprehensive, always available and with the level of quality and reliability they require”, commented Eng. Zennia Ramos, Quality Management System’s Director, at CIRACET Corp. ([www.ciracet.com](http://www.ciracet.com))



**FOSTER CORP. (member since 2008)  
WINS SBIDP AWARD FROM STATE OF  
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Foster Corporation ([www.fostercomp.com](http://www.fostercomp.com)), Putnam, CT won a Small Business Innovation and Diversification Program (SBIDP) award earlier this year. The objective of this program is to strengthen existing Connecticut manufacturers by facilitating and/or accelerating the development, sales and manufacturing of innovative, diverse products (including software) and services. The specific objective is to enable firms to design and develop innovative technologies that diversify their portfolio of products thereby retaining/increasing sales and employment in the State. On behalf of the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Connecticut SBIR (Small Business Innovation and Research) office at Connecticut Innovations is administering this program on a matching grant basis. Awards are up to \$25,000 and contingent upon the availability of funds. Foster Corporation, a biomedical polymer solutions company for devices, implants and drug delivery plans to use the funds toward an innovative new product.

## Save the Dates!

Upcoming Beacon Seminars: Check the website for final details closer to the event date:

September 14 – “The World’s Smallest Heart Pump” will be held at Hospital for Special Care, New Britain, CT. Speaker from Abiomed, maker of Impella 2.5.

September 21 – “Nanomedicine, A Journey in Pictures” will be held at RPI, Hartford, CT. Speaker will be Raj Bawa, PhD, bionano expert and patent agent.

November 17 – “Women’s Health Issues” will be held at Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center, Hartford, CT. Speaker will be Mira Sahney, Smith & Nephew.

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