

BEACON

Wishes All of its Members

Happy Holiday!

BEACON Annual Meeting

The first year of BEACON activities as a non-profit entity were reported at the annual meeting of the "Members of BEACON" held on Friday, November 30, 2001. The activities provided for all members included:

- Technology Fairs
- NIH Visit
- Institutional Visits
- Corporate Presentations
- BEACON Symposium on Bioinformatics

For details see First Year (2001) Report Card on the BEACON website (www.beaconalliance.org).

In addition to the above activities that benefited the entire BEACON Membership, the administrative offices of BEACON performed specific work for sponsoring members, such as: Boston Scientific, Trinity College, GE Medical, Hartford Hospital, Central Connecticut State U, Baystate Medical Center, UCONN, TYCO/Kendall Healthcare, Neurogen, University of Hartford, Pfizer, St Francis Hospital, UMASS, Pepe & Hazard LLP. These efforts included:

<p>Market Assessment Studies</p> <p>New Product Development and Evaluation</p> <p>Course Curricula Development</p> <p>Technology Consultation</p> <p>Student Intern Placement</p>	<p>NIH Collaboration Proposals</p> <p>Venture Firm Introductions</p> <p>Staff Education and Retraining</p> <p>BTN Portfolio Presentation to Corporate Staff</p>
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Election Results

As a result of the election process at the Annual Meeting, the following individuals were elected to the BEACON Board of Directors:

- **Thomas Blake**
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- **Charlie Nightingale**
Hartford Hospital
- **Keith Parent**
Courts Square Data Group, Springfield
- **Jeff Osborn**
The Learning Corridor
- **Larry Deutsch**
Children's Health Network

They join the following:

- **James Walls**
Kendall Health Care, Boston
- **Ray Huey**
GE Medical Systems
- **Francis Lee**
Baystate Health Center, Springfield
- **Bruce Carlson ***
University of Connecticut
(* serving the second year term for Jon Goldberg)

This comprises the BEACON Board of Directors for 2002.

Welcome aboard!

BEACON, the Biomedical Engineering Alliance and Consortium Collaborative Team (2001): Trinity College, The University of Connecticut, The University of Hartford, The University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Central Connecticut State University, Hartford Hospital, John Dempsey Hospital, Saint Francis Medical Center, Baystate Medical Center and The University of Freiburg Medical School. Corporate Sponsors include Pfizer, Kendall Health Care, GE Medical, Neurogen, Pepe & Hazard, Noble, Young & O'Connor, Pullman & Comley, The Steinbeis Foundation (Germany), Boston Scientific, Premise Development, and Court Square Data Group.

Coming Attractions for 2002

Symposium 2002

The theme for next year's symposium and technology fair has been tentatively selected to be "Cardiovascular Technology – Devices and Tissue Engineering", and the date tentatively set as Friday, October 4. However, suggestions for speakers, ideas for different themes, and venues are encouraged from BEACON Members. Since involvement from the entire membership is critical for the success of the Symposium, please notify Jane Mussehl ASAP if you wish to participate in the steering committee which will have its first meeting on Wednesday, January 30 from 4L00-6L00pm at 1 Congress Street.

A New Course: Introduction to BME

This spring semester a new course "Introduction to Biomedical Engineering, will be offered to all students in the BEACON community. This course covers a broad array of topics to enable participants to gain knowledge about the diversity of this field of engineering. It will be team taught with J.D. Bronzino serving as course coordinator and J. Palladino, R. Adrezin, D. Peterson, and R. Fisher as active contributors in their areas of expertise. To enable our industrial colleagues to participate, the course will be offered Tues – Thurs, 4:00-5:15pm. Our initial meeting will be in the Math, Engineering and Computer Science Building (Room 260) at Trinity College, but many of the classes will be rotated to several of the BME sites in the region. To register, simply contact Jane Mussehl (297-5364), Program Coordinator for BEACON. The first class will assemble on Tuesday, January 15.

BEACON's Medical Ethics Series

On Thursday, March 14, BEACON will present the first of a series of programs on the societal impact of medical technology. The initial lecture/panel discussion will be on the topic of "Stem Cell Research". The presenters will be

- Dr. Thomas Chen
Director of Biotechnology, UConn
- Dr. Maurice Wade
Dept of Philosophy, Trinity College
- Dr. Marie Hilliard
Executive Director, Connecticut Catholic Conference
- Rabbi Elissa Kohen
Assist Rabbi, Temple Beth Israel

This event at the Charter Oak Cultural Center in Hartford is from 5:00-7:00pm.

NSF Visit

Reserve the date – Wednesday, February 13. The Director from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for the Grant Opportunities for Academic Liaison with Industry (GOALI) program as well as the SBIR and STTR programs will be on site to provide an overview of the objectives of these programs, criteria, proposal deadlines, etc., and will be available to meet with BEACON members. A luncheon from 12:00-3:00pm is being planned at the Charter Oak Cultural Center Hartford for this event. Please RSVP by Jan 15 so we can properly organize the activities of our NSF visitor.

BEACON Activities 2002

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| Friday
Jan 25 | BEACON Board of Directors Meeting
1 Congress Street
8:30-10:30am |
| Wednesday
Feb 13 | Members of BEACON Meeting
in conjunction with visit by Program Director of the NSF GOALIE Program
12:00-3:00pm University of Hartford |
| Thursday
Mar 14 | Medical Ethics Lecture Stem Cell Research
Charter Oak Cultural Center
5:00-7:00pm |
| Friday
Mar 22 | BEACON Board of Directors Meeting
1 Congress Street
8:30-10:30am |
| Friday
Apr 26 | BEACON Board of Directors Meeting
1 Congress Street
8:30-10:30am |
| Wednesday
May 22 | Members of BEACON Meeting
1 Congress Street
12:00-2:00pm |