

SPRING 2006 HAPPENINGS AT BEACON

Member Update



On Sunday, March 19th, one of BEACON's member companies, CIRACET, was featured on General Alexander Haig's *Health Journal Television* show on CNBC. Mr. Oscar Misla, President of CIRACET, discussed how its diverse expertise in technology/processes and bioinstrumentation support provides a solution to problems such as limited medical equipment, technology consulting and service option resources. *Health Journal Television* airs on CNBC and the Bravo! Network as well on United Airlines' in-flight TV and through video on demand via wbrtv.com.

During the 7-minute interview with General Haig, Mislá commented that "Ciracet Corporation has a myriad of key medical technology services that cover a broad scope of healthcare facilities needs. One aspect of our service includes a way to reduce, among things, paper medical records for medical practices. As a business paradigm, Ciracet offers the healthcare industry services that lead to great cost savings as well as substantial quality improvements."

Oscar was in Connecticut recently to attend the first meeting of eHealth-Connecticut, a new nonprofit formed to facilitate the development of a secure, statewide health IT system.

CIRACET (Caribbean Institute for the Research and Advancement of Clinical Engineering and Technology) located in Ponce, PR is an active member of BEACON and looks forward to furthering its mission in Connecticut through the eHealth-Connecticut initiative.

For more information, visit www.ciracet.com or contact Oscar Mislá at (787) 848-0185.

BEACON Seminars



Dr. Raj Bawa discusses Bionanotechnology and how it influences medicine today

On a cold January day, Dr. Raj Bawa presented his work on bionanotechnology to a very enthusiastic group of BEACON member, friends and students at the University of Hartford. He talked about the very rapid discoveries being made using nanotechnology in medicine and how it will begin to affect our every day lives. Dr. Bawa is President of Bawa Biotechnology Consulting in Virginia and New York as well as a lecturer at RPI in Troy, NY.

In March several companies from CT and Western MA were educated on the process to apply for an SBIR (Small Business Innovation Research) grant from the federal government. The state directors from CT and MA gave in-depth information on how the program works and what is needed to work through the process.

In April, educators and students from area colleges and universities were treated to a lively presentation on the advances in gait analysis for children from Dr. Roy Davis, Director of the Motion Analysis Laboratory at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Greenville, SC. Dr. Davis provided not only new research findings but video of the before and after progress of children who received treatment at Shriners and are now leading normal lives thanks to the advances being developed by Dr. Davis and his team.



Dr. Roy Davis chats with Dr. Kevin Ball and Joe Bronzino shortly before his presentation.

Pharma MedDevice 2007 Plans are underway!



SAVE THE DATES – APRIL 24-26, 2007 for the first Pharma MedDevice Conference to be co-located with INTERPHEX 2007 at the Jacob Javits Center in New York City.

BEACON is proud to be a co-producer of the Pharma MedDevice portion of INTERPHEX 2007 by bringing prominent speakers in the field of medical devices and medical device manufacturing to this show that features over 700 exhibitors and more than 10,000 attendees for the most comprehensive event that will fully illuminate the future of pharma, medical device and biologic industries and provide a dynamic platform for partnering, sourcing and discovery of new combination products. Combination products often present complex challenges in design, regulatory approval, testing, manufacturing, labeling and packaging. Pharma and medical device manufacturers will converge to find answers to their regulatory challenges, create new partnerships, network and source solutions for combination product development.

BEACON's success of MEDi 2005 brought together similar synergies and for this reason was motivated to join with show producers, Reed Expo, in a larger venue to highlight the role of medical devices in health care delivery.

We invite all BEACON members and affiliates to join with us in making the Pharma MedDevice conference portion of INTERPHEX 2007 a success by attending and/or exhibiting. Planning is already underway and we encourage your participation.

Watch for details in future BEACON newsletters and on our website as we progress.

Further information can also be found at:
www.pharmameddevice.com.

CBIA Fellowship Grant Available

One of BEACON's partners, CBIA (Connecticut Business and Industry Association), has received a grant from the US Department of to work with CT biotechnology, pharmaceutical and biomedical manufacturing companies to increase the supply of highly trained scientists eligible for employment in the industry and/or to increase the skills of scientists currently employed in the sector. Ultimately, the goal of the grant is to decrease the need to hire scientists from other countries by building stronger linkages between business and higher education. Eligible activities include providing fellowships and training support scholarships to current students in related collegiate degree programs who intend to seek employment in industry upon graduation and providing funding for high level technical and/or scientific training for existing employees in partner companies. CBIA seeks to identify additional companies that might be interested in participating in the grant. If your company is interested in participating, please contact Judy Resnick or Amy Doherty at CBIA at: 860-244-1900 to see if you qualify!

New BEACON staff member

BEACON is pleased to announce that Dr. Charles Nightingale, recently retired Vice President of R&D at Hartford Hospital, has joined the staff to assist in business development. Charlie is also the former Chairman of the BEACON Board of Directors. He brings with him a vast knowledge of the BEACON network and enthusiasm for the organization to grow and become the voice of the medical device industry. Welcome Charlie!

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