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MEDi 2005 Cometh



REGISTER NOW! There are just 85 days before MEDi 2005, a landmark event BEACON has organized for October 25 & 26 at the new Connecticut Convention Center.

At this time we wish to thank our major sponsors to date!



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We are pleased that over 140 exhibitors have already signed up. Some of them include the largest medical device companies in the country and abroad including: *Pfizer, IBM Healthcare and Life Sciences, TYCO Healthcare, Johnson & Johnson, Becton Dickinson as well as ATS Automation Tooling Systems, Ontario, Canada; Eltek, LTD, Israel and Derry, NH; AAEON Systems, New Jersey, Taiwan and Europe; BMG Lab Tech, Germany; CAS Medical Systems, Branford, CT and Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America to name only a few!*

The UK Trade & Investment SEEDA agency has also agreed to have a major presence at MEDi 2005 along with Puerto Rico, Austria and Japan.

An added feature to the show room floor in the Expo Hall will be the “**Vendor Showcase Theatre**” which will give exhibitors a unique opportunity to inform and educate attendees about their products and services.

In addition to the Exposition, the latest advances in medical technology and their commercialization, will be highlighted in the conference program (visit www.medi2005.com) which will feature 28 workshops and panels including such topics as: *Perinatal Engineering, Healthcare IT, Neural Engineering, Translational Research, Personalized Medicine, Human Factors Engineering, Prosthetic and Biomedical Systems Design, Biomaterials, etc.* Speakers and panelists from all over the world will be present and available to converse with conferees.

Reminder: Early bird registration rates expire after September 15th. On-line registration is now up and running at www.medi2005.com.

Special notice to all faculty, clinicians, entrepreneurs and students: You can win a cash award of up to \$500 for your research and development ideas in the field of new medical technology. Each day we will be displaying 50 medical research and/or development POSTERS (4'x4') and awarding 3 prizes totaling \$1,000. Register your poster now on line at: www.medi2005.com.

THIS AND THAT



One year ago BEACON created a new look and brand. As of this printing we are pleased to announce that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has issued a Certificate of Registration for the logo and tag line. We are now able to use the registered trademark symbol ® on all our printed materials.



The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development for the State of Connecticut has announced that the medical device industry in the state will have a new contact person within the department. Andrea Scott is now DECD's Medical Device Industry contact. She can be reached at (860) 270-8051 or at andrea.scott@po.state.ct.us

News from the BEACON Foundation

The BEACON Foundation is in the process of developing a number of proposals for various foundations interested in children's health. The intent is to support research and development activity in BEACON-member institutions that fall under the umbrella of "BEACON's Pediatric Engineering Institute". In this way, specific projects related to developing diagnostic and/or treatment methodologies specifically designed for children-related diseases can be supported. For example, for children's diabetes, efforts to develop a glucose sensor especially for children would be of interest. With this in mind, a Request for Proposals (RFP) has been sent out to the BEACON members to identify specific projects that may be included in these grant applications. The responses to the RFP will be reviewed by a grant committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the BEACON Foundation to determine if they are appropriate to be included in a proposal for a particular foundation. Those selected will be informed of their inclusion in the grant application and receive a copy of it. It is requested that responses to this RFP be submitted no later than September 15, 2005 to: BEACON Foundation, P.O. Box 260069, Hartford, CT 06126.

BEACON's summer interns



BEACON's summer interns, Vinod and Warren

This summer BEACON is pleased to have Vinod Laximayaran and Warren Carnow as interns. Vinod will be a second-semester senior at UCONN majoring in English while Warren will be a junior at Ithaca College majoring in Economics. Both have fathers who are directly involved in biomedical engineering, so it was a natural that they come to BEACON to learn more about the industry! Vinod has been working on developing grant applications for the BEACON Foundation while Warren assists with MEDi 2005. Their presence and many hours of work are greatly appreciated.

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