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BEACON HOSTS SYMPOSIUM Hartford in the Forefront of Medical Device Technology

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BEACON, a not-for-profit consortium of colleges, biotechnical companies and medical institutions in the “Knowledge Corridor”, will present its seventh annual Symposium and Technology Fair – **“ADVANCES IN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY: THE FUTURE IS NOW!”** - on Wednesday, October 22 from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Heublein Education Center at Hartford Hospital, 80 Seymour Street in Hartford, Connecticut.

The **Symposium and Technology Fair** is designed to bring together all parties interested in bioscience and related developments in medical devices and systems in order to learn from nationally prominent experts in their fields. A Technology Fair will present exhibits highlighting the latest advances in bioengineering and biotechnology from companies, individuals and scientists from New England and beyond. Posters displaying the newest ideas in every field of biosciences will also be on view.

The distinguished presenters include Dr. John Haller from the National Institute of Health's Institute of Bioengineering and Bioimaging, Dr. Brian Litt from the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Vince Calhoun from Hartford Hospital and Yale-New Haven Hospital, Dr. Gregory Stewart from Genzyme Corporation, Dr. Charles Robinson from Louisiana Tech University, Dr. Mark Laubach from the Yale School of Medicine and Dr. Shuguang Zhang from MIT. Neural engineering is the theme of the symposium; therefore, various methodologies and innovations to detect, analyze and treat brain function will be the subject of the presentations.

The **“I-91 Knowledge Corridor”** - the area between Northampton, Massachusetts and New Haven, Connecticut - contains a large concentration of activity in the biotechnical field. BEACON is uniquely positioned to foster this productive and creative environment.

General Attendance is \$95 before October 1 and \$105 after October 1. BEACON members pay \$45 before October 1 and \$55 after October 1. Information about poster submission and registration may be obtained by calling BEACON at 860-547-1995 or on BEACON's website: www.beaconalliance.org/2003symposium.htm.

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BEACON, The Biomedical Engineering Alliance and Consortium, is an alliance of academic and medical institutions, as well as corporations, dedicated to the development of new medical technology. With this in mind, it encourages collaborative research, stimulates industrial partnering and facilitates the creation of new incubating companies focusing on innovations in bioscience and engineering. The BEACON network provides its members “preferential access” to the expertise and facilities within the BEACON community, thereby enabling its members to leverage their own capabilities with those of others in the BEACON network.