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HAPPY 5TH BIRTHDAY BEACON! WHAT A YEAR WE HAVE PLANNED!



*A Convention and Exposition where Medical
Technologies, Life Science Research &
Industry Converge*

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Mark your calendars now! Join us on **October 25 and 26, 2005** for the first ever convention devoted to new discoveries in medical technology and their commercialization at the brand new Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, CT. This convention is expected to bring over 2,000 people from all over the Northeast and beyond to participate in workshops and seminars as well as visit with more than 250 exhibitors from companies involved in medical technology. The convention is designed to bring together scientists, medical personnel, faculty and students as well as industrialists, venture capitalists and interested business people who are involved in creating and commercializing exciting new medical technologies. BEACON thanks the following sponsors who have come forward early in the planning to jump start this event: Pfizer, Hartford Hospital, Northeast Utilities and IBM Healthcare Life Sciences. Infinity Expo Group of Shelton, CT is the event management company that will oversee the many details of the convention from contract negotiation, exhibit hall design and layout, signage, etc. Dr. Joseph Bronzino, heads the program committee which has secured an outstanding array of workshop and seminar speakers.

Since there will be a manned Poster Session open each day with prizes awarded to the top three posters presented on both days you are encouraged to submit your posters early. The website will be your source for all registrations and poster information. An Honorary Committee and a Steering Committee have been established to provide guidance during the planning of his major event. A special Convention newsletter will be published in the spring announcing the selection of the keynote speakers as well as the final calendar of events. Watch for it!



Hard hat tour of the new convention center under construction early in 2004. Staff from various organizations saw first hand the exciting possibilities this center will bring to Harford.



As was announced in the last newsletter, the BEACON Foundation received a grant from the J. Walton Bissell Foundation of West Hartford, CT to provide "seed funds" to create a Pediatric Engineering Institute. Since parts of the funds were to be used to support pilot studies directed at improving children's health, an RFP was distributed to the BEACON community. As a result of that process, a \$7,500 grant was awarded to Dr. Kenneth Platt, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the CT Children's Medical Center and UCONN

Health Center for his study entitled, "Development and Validation of a Murine Model of the Implantable Glucose Sensor in the Type I (Juvenile) Diabetic Mouse." His study involves creating an implantable glucose sensor device in children.

Additionally, the BEACON Foundation Board of Directors is actively seeking funding from private sources to hire an executive director. Tax deductible contributions of any size can be mailed to: BEACON Foundation, P.O. Box 260069, Hartford, CT 06126.

First BEACON Medical Technology Award presented to Dr. David Reisner, CEO, Inframat Corporation and US Nanocorp

November 10th was the scene of the first ever Alliance for Connecticut Technology Day and Dinner held at the Mohegan Sun Casino. This event is the outgrowth of the discussions held during the Connecticut Innovations Technology Summit in 2003 where those present urged all the technology organizations in the state to participate in a common function. During 2004 staff from BEACON, Connecticut Innovations, CURE, CT Technology Council, CT Venture Group, CT Center for Advanced Technology and others met regularly to create this Day and Dinner around the theme of "Innovation." The outcome was an afternoon of workshops and poster sessions culminating with a dinner where each group gave an award for outstanding work in a particular technology. BEACON awarded Dr. David Reisner, CEO, Inframat Corporation and US Nanocorp with the first BEACON Medical Technology Award for recognition of significant advancement in the development and/or commercialization of new medical technology.



Dr. David Reisner shown with Inframat's thermal spray gun at their UCONN Depot Campus

BEACON Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

At the Annual Members of BEACON meeting on December 3rd, we welcomed three new members to the Board of Directors: Dr. Neil Yeston, VP of Academic Affairs at Hartford Hospital; Dr. Susan Freeman, VP of Medical Affairs at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center; and Mr. Jan Wasley, retired biomedical engineer representing individual members. They join with the others who serve BEACON in many capacities and we thank them for their service. The BEACON Board of Directors and Officers for 2005 are:

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The staff of BEACON wish you all a safe and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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