



*from the University of Massachusetts Center for Clinical & Translational Science*

## NEWS & EVENTS

February 2012

### BIO Buzz Builder in Worcester

**When:** February 7, 2012, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

**Where:** UMass Medical School, Worcester, MA, Aaron Lazare Medical Research Building, Blais Pavilion

Are you getting excited for the BIO International Convention ([convention.bio.org](http://convention.bio.org)) in Boston this June? So are we! Come to the first BIO Buzz Builder event to join in on the BIO Buzz! The event will kick off at 5:30 PM with a quick, insider update on the conference and the Massachusetts Pavilion and will continue with food, drinks, and networking. Please click here to register and/or show your interest in BIO Buzz: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BIO2012>

### SBIR/STTR Workshop

**When:** February 8, 2012, 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

**Where:** UMass Medical School, Worcester, MA, Faculty Conference Room (S1-342)

The UMass Center for Clinical & Translational Science, in collaboration with Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center (M2D2), is sponsoring a luncheon seminar focused on the essentials of **SBIR/STTR grant applications**.

The session will feature **Natalie Rudolph, PhD from Rudolph Biomedical Consulting** as a distinguished speaker.

Dr. Rudolph's familiarity with both corporate and academic research culture draws on more than 24 years of experience in the biotech and biomedical industries. She held scientific and management positions at two start-up biotechnology companies, where she helped to develop and support three lines of biomedical assay reagents, managed an intellectual property portfolio, and coordinated technology licenses and extramural research collaborations. For the last 17 years, she has worked with small companies and research institutions to develop R&D project strategies and fund them through non-dilutive grants and contracts. Lunch will be provided.

### Intellectual Property Forum

**When:** February 8, 2012, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

**Where:** M2D2 Innovation Hub, Wannalancit Business Center, 2nd Floor, 600 Suffolk Street, Lowell, MA 01854

This event is sponsored by title sponsor Nutter, McClennen & Fish LLP. This discussion forum will be a round table discussion with IP attorneys from Nutter, McClennen & Fish LLP and will cover the following topics: creating an IP plan that attracts capital, protecting your IP, and understanding barriers to market entry. Full details, including registration information, is available here - [http://www.uml.edu/m2d2/News\\_and\\_Events/Nutter-IP-table-talk-event.html](http://www.uml.edu/m2d2/News_and_Events/Nutter-IP-table-talk-event.html).

### Life Sciences Moment Fund Request for Letters of Intent Due Out February 13, 2012

The UMass Life Sciences Moment Fund (LSMF) 2012 request for Letters of Intent for pilot project proposals will be released Monday, **February 13, 2012** with an LOI due date of **March 9, 2012**. The LSMF provides a dedicated pool of funding to spur inter-campus collaboration and strengthen the University's research portfolio in clinical and translational research. To support this mission, projects must include at least one investigator from the UMass Worcester campus and a collaborator from at least one of the other UMass campuses. By providing seed funding to outstanding faculty members, this fund facilitates the development of faculty-to-faculty networks within the University system, thereby leveraging the considerable expertise and resources that exist on the individual campuses. Watch for the announcement on the UMass CCTS website homepage at: <http://www.umassmed.edu/ccts/index.aspx>

### Engaging the Community for Research Success: What Scientists and IRBs Need to Know

**When:** March 21-22, 2012

**Where:** Raleigh, North Carolina

The Office of Human Research Protections and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences are cosponsoring the conference, "Engaging the Community for Research Success: What Scientists and IRBs Need to Know." National Community Partner Forum participants Elmer Freeman, Melvin Jackson and Al Richmond will be speaking about the forum and their experiences in community-engaged research on a plenary panel: <http://bit.ly/uCu3r5> Scholarships are available for community members/organizations, students and post-doctoral fellows. To apply for a scholarship visit <http://bit.ly/yP8mSL> Early-bird registration has been extended to **March 4, 2012**. For more information about the conference, visit <http://bit.ly/sl3ONc>

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### **8<sup>th</sup> Early-Stage Life Sciences Technology Conference**

**When:** April 12, 2012, 1:00 - 7:00 pm

**Where:** Merck Research Laboratories, 33 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston, MA 02115

Produced by the Massachusetts Technology Transfer Center, the conference is a showcase for platform life sciences technologies developed at the universities, research institutions, and hospitals of Massachusetts and for recently formed Massachusetts companies. The Forum is an opportunity for these companies and researchers to present to an audience of angel investors, venture capitalists and corporate investors. Companies that have presented at our first seven Early Stage Life Sciences Conferences have raised over \$100 million in new investments.

**Registration:** MATTO members, academics/staff at MATTO member institutions, MassBio members, Presenters, and Exhibitors - \$95.00; Non-member - \$140.00. **To register** please [Click here](#)

If you have any questions regarding presenting or exhibiting please contact Julia Goldberg at [jgoldberg@umassp.edu](mailto:jgoldberg@umassp.edu).

Applications for those interested in presenting are due **February 29, 2012**. For sponsorship information, please contact Abi Barrow at [abarrow@umassp.edu](mailto:abarrow@umassp.edu) For more information about the event please [Click here](#) or visit [www.mattcenter.org](http://www.mattcenter.org)

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### **4<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Comparative Effectiveness and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research**

**When:** June 12 - 13, 2012

**Where:** AHRQ Conference Center in Rockville, Maryland

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), through its Effective Health Care Program, is sponsoring a fourth symposium, "From Efficacy to Effectiveness," on original research methods for comparative effectiveness (CER) and patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR). The symposium will focus on original research and the methodological insight or advances that arise from the conduct of the research. Preference will be given to work that a) fits the theme of the symposium; and b) represents an innovative approach to CER/PCOR and the challenges of effectiveness research. To learn more about the 2012 symposium and to download instructions for the submission of papers, presentations, and abstracts, please visit: <http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/from-efficacy-to-effectiveness/>.

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### **SAVE THE DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clinical and Translational Science Research Retreat**

**When:** May 22, 2012

**Where:** Hoagland-Pincus Center in Shrewsbury, MA

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clinical and Translational Science Research Retreat is scheduled for Tuesday, **May 22, 2012** at the Hoagland-Pincus Center in Shrewsbury. The meeting agenda and request for abstracts are forthcoming. Hope to see you there!

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### **UMass Cranberry Health Research Center Announces 3 new funding opportunities**

The UMass Cranberry Health Research Center (CHRC) is a collaborative established through a 2011 Science and Technology Initiative grant from the UMass President's Office. The CHRC encompasses researchers from all five UMass campuses, other academic institutions, hospitals and private laboratories throughout the U.S. and Canada. The Center's collaborations combine the strengths of academia, medical institutions and industry to provide solid scientific evidence for cranberry's role in health and nutrition. More information about the CHRC is available here- <http://www.umassd.edu/chrc/>

- **CHRC Seed Grant RFP**  
[http://www.umassd.edu/media/umassdartmouth/cranberryhealthresearchcenter/CHRC\\_Seed\\_Grant\\_RFP\\_2012.pdf](http://www.umassd.edu/media/umassdartmouth/cranberryhealthresearchcenter/CHRC_Seed_Grant_RFP_2012.pdf)
- **2012-13 UM-Dartmouth Cranberry Research Grant RFP**  
[http://www.umassd.edu/media/umassdartmouth/cranberryhealthresearchcenter/2012-2013\\_Cranberry\\_Research\\_Grant\\_RFP.pdf](http://www.umassd.edu/media/umassdartmouth/cranberryhealthresearchcenter/2012-2013_Cranberry_Research_Grant_RFP.pdf)
- **2012 Cranberry Institute Health Research RFP**  
[http://www.umassd.edu/media/umassdartmouth/cranberryhealthresearchcenter/2012\\_Cranberry\\_Institute\\_Health\\_Research\\_RFP.pdf](http://www.umassd.edu/media/umassdartmouth/cranberryhealthresearchcenter/2012_Cranberry_Institute_Health_Research_RFP.pdf)

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