

BEACON NEWS

THANK YOU and Happy New Year!!!

BEACON's 10th Anniversary Celebration a Success!!

Thanks to all who sponsored and attended BEACON's 10th anniversary celebration at Maneeley's Banquet Center, South Windsor, CT on November 30th. Over 150 people participated in the event and, as is the hallmark of any BEACON event, the reception prior to dinner was a networking triumph. Special thanks to our sponsors: Trinity College, Hartford Hospital, Covidien, Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center, PolyMedex Discovery Group, Royko-Charamut Insurance Company and Pioneer Valley Life Science Institute for their support for this event.

As was printed in the program book distributed that night, Connecticut's Governor, M. Jodi Rell, declared November 30, 2011 "BEACON Day in Connecticut" through a proclamation outlining BEACON's accomplishments through the decade.

BEACON's Annual Medical Technology Award was given to NLP International, Inc. of Westport, CT. Accepting the award was Bernie Keppler, CEO and founder. NLP, or 'natural language processing,' is the method allowing medical records to be dictated verbally and immediately convert to a digital format so they can be searched, sorted and analyzed in a more efficient way. More information can be found at:

www.nlpapplications.com

Keynote speakers were Larry McIntire, PhD, Georgia Institute of Technology who provided an overview of Georgia Tech's successful public-private collaboration of their translational research institute. Paul Hermes, CTO, Covidien, provided a global perspective of the medical device industry

and the need for more US companies to invest and grow in overseas markets. Both speakers brought a different, yet compelling message to the attendees. Photos of the event follow on Page 2.

BEACON Seminar Series 2011 Begins



Marc Anderson, JDRF, New York

As has been the custom, BEACON will once again run a series of public seminars on topics of interest to its members. The first of the 2011 Seminar Series, sponsored by the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, is entitled "Accelerating the Availability of the Artificial Pancreas" and will be held on Wednesday, February 9th beginning with a reception at 5:30pm. Presenting will be Mr. Marc Anderson, Manager, New Technology Development, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Artificial Pancreas Project, New York, NY. JDRF's mission is to accelerate the development of diabetes management systems that will automate control of blood glucose in patients with diabetes. This initiative, launched in 2006, with the goal to support R&D strategies that will advance technologies that can be developed and commercialized. More information will be available by e-mail and on BEACON's new website soon: www.beaconalliance.org

BEACON wishes everyone a safe and happy new year! See you all very soon.



