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Seeking New Products and Technologies: CRETE Implements the Connecticut Technology Evaluation Network

To objectively evaluate critical factors that affect new dental product's commercial potential, CRETE has established and will begin to operate its unique Technology Evaluation Network. The network includes a selected group of dentists with a wide range of skills, experiences and interests in the state of Connecticut, interested in testing new services, technologies, equipment and products.

With this network, businesses both large and small, which have been

looking for a sponsoring organization with credibility such as a dental school, can objectively evaluate new product ideas before making significant investments.

The items to be tested include new dental products, technologies and equipment. The dentists in the network have agreed to use standardized protocols developed by CRETE, and are committed to provide evaluation and research services customized to the

needs of the dental industry, identifying the strengths and weaknesses of your new product.

CRETE believes that manufacturers that release successful new products will grow sales, improve profitability and sustain market share. If your company is interested in having new products, technologies and equipment tested by CRETE and its Technology Evaluation Network, please contact Dr. Edward Rossomando at erossoma@nso2.uconn.edu

UCHC Launches the Biodontics Residency Program

The University of Connecticut, School of Dental Medicine, is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the Biodontics Residency Program, beginning September 2004.

The Biodontics residency program is open to graduates of accredited US or foreign dental schools. Graduates of the 1-year Biodontics Residency Program are awarded a certificate from the University of Connecticut School Of Dental Medicine. For additional information on the Biodontics Residency Program, link to <http://www.biodontics.org/residency.htm>

CRETE Pioneers Courses In Translational Research

Today, while recent NIDCR strategic plan and other documents from policy makers suggest the focus should be on translational research, it is not so clear what the curriculum to educate a translational researcher should look like.

Recently, the importance of entrepreneurial sciences (entrepreneurship, management and technology transfer) to the success of translational research efforts has been recognized by the success of the Workshop Course to Develop Dental Technology, presented Uconn on November 8-9, 2003.

The overall success of the program suggests a rationale for including the entrepreneurial sciences into the

dental school curriculum, and supports our view that dental students are interested in learning about the design, testing and evaluation of new products.

CRETE has begun the implementation of these educational programs. For additional information, please contact Dr. Hubert Benitez at hbenitez@uchc.edu



Dr. Rossomando Appointed to the 2004 American Association of Dental Research (AADR) National Affairs Committee

AADR President-elect Dominick DePaola has appointed CRETE's director, Edward Rossomando to the 2004 AADR National Affairs Committee to serve a 3-year term.

The NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE is a committee of 12 members, including the President, President-elect, and Vice-president, to study national affairs and their possible effect on dental research, and to advise the Council and Board of Directors on developments, which might affect dental research.

We congratulate Dr. Rossomando on his new appointment.

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