

## Conference on Integrating Biotechnology with Clinical Dentistry

The Planning Committee of the 2005 American Biodontics Society (ABS) annual conference is welcoming suggestions for topics and presentations for its meeting. The following session topics have been recommended: Caries and periodontal vaccines, bioscaffolds, stem cells for growing teeth, and calcium-phosphate restorative materials.

If you are interested in learning more about the ABS annual meeting, as well as requesting registration materials, please send CRETE an e-mail message at [erossoma@nso2.uchc.edu](mailto:erossoma@nso2.uchc.edu)

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## CRETE's IAC and UCONN's School of Dental Medicine Leadership Meet to Discuss Industry-Academic Relationships

To develop policies for product testing and evaluation, which will guide the interaction between the dental industry and the School of Dental Medicine (SDM), CRETE's IAC and SDM leadership met on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

The meeting included participation from CRETE's IAC members, and representing SDM Leadership, Drs. **R.L. MacNeil** – Associate Dean for Academic Affairs- and **Susan Reisine** - Associate Dean for Research. Special guests included

representatives from CRETE's collaborating partners: Dental Clinical Research Center, Center for Biomaterials, Center for Technology Commercialization, Center for Biodynamics, and the Department of Oral Diagnosis.

It was emphasized that CRETE's role is to continue education for dentists in new technology and "certification" of new products, while industry's responsibility

includes active involvement and commitment to provide continuity of support through stabilization of resources. Consequently, CRETE is committed to provide a testing program for the scientific development and evaluation of new technologies for the dental industry.

We invite you to consider CRETE as your evaluation center. If your company is interested in having new products, technologies and equipment tested by CRETE, please contact Dr. Edward Rossomando at [erossoma@nso2.uchc.edu](mailto:erossoma@nso2.uchc.edu)

## CRETE's Entrepreneurial Externship Program to a Great Start

CRETE is thrilled, to say the least, that its new Externship Program is on the rise. We have begun a successful co-op program to add additional opportunities for students to gain career-related experience within the dental industry. And our externship provides just that, a short-term opportunity for students to "shadow" professionals, and learn the day-to-day operation of a dental company.

Two dental students are currently participating in this program, and are attending Centrix Inc. and Harry J. Bosworth Co.

If your company is interested in hosting a dental student extern, please contact Dr. Hubert Benitez at [hbenitez@uchc.edu](mailto:hbenitez@uchc.edu)

## Update on NIDCR's Budget

NIDCR's final appropriation for FY 2004 is \$383.3 million, including \$1.3 million reserved for support of NIH Roadmap projects.

Exclusive of Roadmap-associated funding, research project grant (RPG) funding is estimated at \$229.7 million, in support of 642 awards. An estimated \$18.5 million will support 12 center awards. Additionally, 107 Research Career Development Award (RCDA) positions and 321 full-time training positions will be funded.

The FY 2005 President's budget request for the NIDCR is \$394.1 million, including \$2.5 million

reserved for support of NIH Roadmap projects. The request represents an increase of \$10.8 million--or 2.8 percent--over the FY 2004 appropriation of \$383.3 million. The FY 2005 President's budget request for the NIH is \$28.8 billion, an increase of \$729 million--or 2.6 percent--over the FY 2004 estimate.

