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BioInterface

More than 100 surface science professionals and those interested in surface science attended the Surfaces in Biomaterials Foundation annual BioInterface Workshop and Symposium Oct. 29-31 at the San Mateo Marriott in the San Francisco Bay area of California.

The conference received high marks from attendees who commented on the relaxed and open presentation format. Attendee evaluations applauded the three days of presentations and discussions for being both relaxed and open to discussions about developments in the field. Attendees also commented on the size as a plus, as it fostered networking that is not found in larger bioscience conferences.

Bioscience entrepreneur and philanthropist Alfred Mann was this year's Surface Science Award winner. Mann's luncheon address riveted attendees with a discussion of companies he has founded or been involved with over the



Alfred Mann, this year's winner of the Surfaces in Biomaterials Foundation Excellence in Surface Science Award, gave a riveting luncheon speech recounting his contributions to the field and mankind.



The opening reception for BioInterface Workshop & Symposium was sponsored by SurModics. Attendees repeatedly commented on the manageable size of the conference (about 120) and opportunities to network as big pluses of the conference.

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past several decades. Mann, as an example, was an early pioneer in cardiac pacemakers — including heading Pacesetter, which was sold to St. Jude Medical Company. Keynote speaker James Anderson of Case-Western Reserve University was unavoidably detained on a business trip and was not able to attend. However, his role was capably filled by Bill Brodbeck, an associate at Case-Western.

Seven student posters were submitted in the Student Poster Contest. The posters are a method for the Foundation to open its doors to students to interact with professionals in the field. Karin Straley from Stanford was this year's Student Poster Award winner and recipient of \$1,000 from the Foundation.

The Foundation thanks this year's sponsors: Boston Scientific, Diamond level; The Polymer Technology Group, Silver; SurModics, Opening Reception; and DePuy and Medtronic, who jointly sponsored the Point-Counterpoint session and the breaks.



The Workshop always precedes the Symposium at BioInterface. This year's Workshop was: "Cell Cultures in 3-D." Steven Goodman from 10H Technology added some fun to the conference with images that could be seen only with 3-D glasses — and he even brought the distinctive glasses for audience participation.



The manageable size of the conference allowed quality time for discussion between the attendees and vendors.



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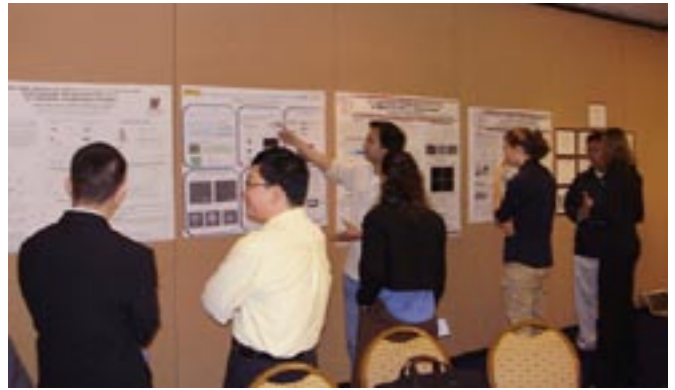
Award Winners



Alfred Mann receives the 2007 Excellence in Surface Science Award from Joe Chinn of SurModics.



Karin Straley from Stanford University received a \$1,000 check from Surfaces In Biomaterials Foundation president Carl Turnquist of Genzyme. Seven student posters were submitted for judging this year.



Through the poster sessions, students from universities have the opportunity to present their ideas to professionals in the field.



The ever-popular Point-Counterpoint discussion featured Rabih Darouiche, M.D., VA-Houston and Michele Pearson, M.D., Centers for Disease Control and their thoughts on "Antibiotic Prophylaxis: Saving Today's Patients or Killing Tomorrow's?" The session was co-sponsored by Medtronic and DePuy.



Larry Salvati from DePuy chaired the session on Metal or Ceramics Orthopedics. Salvati also serves as Treasurer and chair of the Membership Committee for the Surfaces in Biomaterials Foundation.

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2nd International Conference on Mechanics of Biomaterials & Tissues	December 9-13	Lihue - Kau'i, Hawaii	http://www.icombt.elsevier.com/
International Conference on Cellular and Molecular Bioengineering	December 10-12	Singapore	http://www.ntu.edu.sg/iccmb/home.htm
JP Morgan 26th Annual Healthcare Conference	January 20-24, 2008	Hollywood, FL	http://www.pharmaprojects.com/conference_reports/24th-jp-morgan-healthcare.htm
12th Annual Drug Delivery Partnership	January 21-23	San Diego	http://www.iirusa.com/ddp/20915.xml
Medical Design & Manufacturing West (MD&M West)	January 29-31	Anaheim	http://www.devicelink.com/expo/west08/
Biologic Scaffolds for Regenerative Medicine: Fifth Symposium	February 15-16	Phoenix, AZ	http://www.mcgowan.pitt.edu/Biologics-Symposium
PharmaMedDevice 2008	March 26-28	Philadelphia, PA	http://www.pharmameddevice.com/
3rd Biennial Heart Valve Biology and Tissue Engineering	May 4-7	London	http://www.londonheartvalve.org.uk/
8th World Biomaterials Congress	May 28 - June 1	Amsterdam	http://www.wbc2008.com/
XX International Fibrinogen Workshop	July 10-13	Venice	http://alisf1.univpm.it/XXifw/
BioInterface 2008	October 27-29	Minneapolis, MN	http://www.surfaces.org

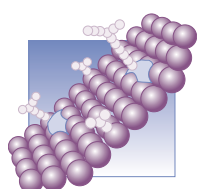
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- Promote understanding of interfacial issues common to researchers, bio-medical engineers and material scientists.

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