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COMPANY SPOTLIGHT

- **Cell>Point** (Centennial) announced that it has submitted to the Food and Drug Administration an Investigational New Drug (IND) application for a Phase 1b/2 trial of its 99mTc-EC-G diagnostic in assessing patients with Coronary Artery Disease (CAD). The trial will evaluate patients with a number of cardiovascular issues to include ischemia (reduced blood supply), recent Acute Myocardial Infarction (heart attack) and questionable heart muscle cell (myocyte) viability. Cell>Point anticipates a following Phase 2/3 trial agent would focus on ischemia.
- **Taligen Therapeutics** (Cambridge, MA) announced that it has been selected as the Bioscience Company of the Year by the University of Colorado with its 7th Annual Technology Transfer Awards in recognition of its leadership position in developing a pipeline of novel protein therapeutics that modulate the complement system to treat a wide range of inflammatory diseases. In addition, V. Michael Holers, Ph.D., Taligen's Co-Founder and Chief Scientific Officer and a Professor at the University of Colorado, Denver, was honored with the Pinnacle of Inventorship Lifetime Achievement Award for his unparalleled career as one of the world's leading experts in complement biology.
- **ZeaChem Inc.** (Lakewood) announced the successful production of ethanol at a capacity that can be scaled to commercial production. ZeaChem's results have been confirmed by third party vendors who will enable production of ZeaChem biofuels and bio-based chemicals. The company will now demonstrate the integration of its biorefining processes at its 250,000 gallon per year Boardman, Oregon biorefinery.
- **Silicon Valley Bank** (Broomfield) announced that it has participated in **Range Fuels** (Broomfield) \$80 million bond. Range Fuels is focused on commercially producing low-carbon biofuels, including cellulosic ethanol and methanol, and clean renewable power using renewable and sustainable supplies of biomass that cannot be used for food. The company uses an innovative and proprietary two-step thermo-chemical process to convert biomass, such as wood chips, switchgrass, corn stover, sugarcane bagasse and olive pits to cellulosic biofuels and clean renewable power.
- **Boulder BioMed** (Boulder) announced successful certification to ISO 13485: 2003, Quality Management Standard for Medical Devices. Company President and CEO Jim Kasic personally thanks Gabe Orosco, of Reglera, who coordinated the certification process. The certification to this standard, an

internationally recognized management system standard developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), is a requirement for the manufacturing of commercial medical devices.

- **Pinnacle Biopharma LLC** has been awarded the contract for operation of Colorado State University's new manufacturing facility, part of the Research Innovation Center in Fort Collins. This move will bring an estimated 30 new jobs to Northern Colorado. Pinnacle's management expertise covers all aspects of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP); quality management, pharmaceutical development, regulatory affairs, business development and executive management.
- **CoorsTek** (Golden) has as agreed to buy the advanced ceramics business of France's Saint-Gobain Saint SA. Under the agreement, Golden-based CoorsTek said it will acquire certain business properties held by Saint-Gobain Ceramic Materials, including advanced ceramic facilities in the Americas, Europe and Asia. Terms were not announced. The acquisition is expected to close on July 31, subject to governmental approvals, CoorsTek said. [Click here to read more.](#)

SQUARE PEGS

- Holli Baumunk, Vice President of the **Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation** for the past seven years, has been named President & CEO of the **Colorado BioScience Association (CBSA)**, effective July 12. The announcement is made by Rick Jory, CBSA Board Chairperson, who says Baumunk was unanimously recommended to the board for approval by the CBSA Executive Search Committee, a subcommittee of the board formed earlier this year. Denise Brown, CBSA's Founding Executive Director and recently named board member, has been serving as Interim Executive Director of the trade association during the search process.
- The application for the therapeutic tax credit has just been released. The forms and instructions are attached, as well as a summary of key elements of the application, provided by CBSA corporate sponsor Polsinelli Shughart PC. Please contact CBSA for a referral to all partners available to assist with the application.
- CBSA Board Chair, Rick Jory, President and CEO of **Sandhill Scientific, Inc.**, was recognized by the Denver Business Journal as finalist for 2010 Entrepreneur of the Year. [Click here to read more.](#)

- **The Medical Career Collaborative (MC2)** program at **The Children's Hospital** provides high school students from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds an opportunity to gain experience and exposure in the fields of health, medicine and bioscience. This two year program includes a paid internship at Children's and help with college preparation. Over the last ten years, 200 students have enrolled in MC2 and all have graduated from high school. The program is currently seeking cosponsors from the bioscience community. Please see the attached document for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- BioMARC, the regional training center for product translation at Colorado State University, will be holding a workshop on July 22-23 on Clinical Trials, FDA Requirements, and GCP. [Click here for more information \(PDF\)](#).
- The July Innovation After Hours will feature Nanopartz, which is the City of Loveland's newest BioScience company. The event will take place on July 8th at 4 pm at the Loveland Art Lab. Registration details for the free event are available [here](#).
- On Monday July 12, from noon to 5pm, Congresswoman Betsy Markey will hold an Innovation Summit. The event will be held in conjunction with the City of Fort Collins and Colorado State University. The keynote speaker will be John R. Fernandez, the Assistant Secretary for Economic Development and the U.S. Department of Commerce. The meeting will take place in the Main Ballroom of the Lory Student Center, with networking at Odell Brewing Company immediately following. The event is free but RSVP is required. Please respond to Jamie Grim at jamie.grim@mail.house.gov or 970-221-7110.
- An informal meeting to discuss Bioscience Education will be held on July 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Amgen Room of the Bioscience Center at Fitzsimons. The aims of the meeting are information sharing, programmatic awareness, and discussing collaborative planning for resource sharing, fund raising, and potentials for development of industry linkages and multipurpose training sites. Please RSVP to Jerry McCarthy at fairhill@gmail.com or call 303-229-0957.

- Colorado State University's BioMARC Outreach Training Program for Product Translation will host a workshops on Clinical Trial Management, FDA Requirements, & GCP in the Amgen Conference Room Bioscience Park Center at Fitzsimons on [July 22](#) and [July 23](#). The second session on July 23 will focus on medical devices.
- The next CBSA BioBreakfast will be held on July 28th on the Anshutz Medical Campus. Each year the CBSA dedicates one BioBreakfast to spotlighting an article within the annual Bioscience Colorado Magazine. This year's program is one you can't afford to miss. Listen as Dr. Larry Gold, Dr. Bill Freytag and Patrick Mahaffy explain what propelled them to grow successful bioscience companies and become leaders of the industry. More information and registration details can be found [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: Please join us for the **Roche Colorado Corporation** Peptide Symposium (RCCPS) on September 14 – 16, 2010 at the St. Julian Hotel and Spa in Boulder, CO. The program highlights include; Peptides in the Clinic; Peptide Drug Delivery; Emerging Technologies; Advances in Peptide Chemistry; and, Quality by Design in Peptides. The following link www.rccps.org, and attachments will provide additional information on the conference and sponsorship opportunities. We look forward to showcasing Colorado as a leader in Peptides at this conference and hope you will be able to join us! Please see attached flyer for information on sponsorship opportunities.