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Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Keynotes 20th Anniversary Gala Event Honors Achievements of Newest University System of Maryland Institution, Biotechnology Leaders

Columbia, MD—At a Gala dinner on June 3, 2006, Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., praised the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute as a highway “for the biotechnology industry in Maryland connecting amazing research with the economic development priorities of the state.” The event celebrated the 20th Anniversary of UMBI’s founding.

“Maryland is proud of UMBI,” Governor Ehrlich continued.

In introducing Ehrlich, Human Genome Sciences Vice President Jerry Parrott commented that Ehrlich is “a friend of the biotechnology industry.”

Former UMBI President Rita Colwell, Ph.D., a Distinguished Professor at the University of Maryland, was named President Emeritus of UMBI by University System of Maryland Board of Regents Chairman David Nevins. USM Chancellor William E. Kirwan joined in presenting the designation. Colwell, after serving as the first UMBI President, went on to become Director of the National Science Foundation.

Some of the most important names in the Maryland and national biotechnology industry appeared on stage. Cetus Corporation founder Ron Cape, Ph.D., received a *Biotechnology Founders Award* presented by Jim Burns, President of EntreMed, Inc., in Rockville, and UMBI President Jennie C. Hunter-Cevera, Ph.D. “Few know that Ron Cape co-founded the first US biotechnology enterprise,” stated Lehman Brothers, Inc., Vice Chairman Frederick Frank in comments read by Burns. “Cape’s Cetus followed Genentech with the second IPO in the industry in the early 1980s. Cetas’ successful offering raised \$122 million for the Company, truly, a Herculean achievement for an early stage research enterprise at that time.”

Claire M. Fraser-Liggett, Ph.D., President of Rockville’s The Institute for Genomic Research (TIGR) was honored with a first-ever *Presidents Award* for advancing the research and business of biotechnology and for her service on UMBI’s Board of Visitors. Fraser-Liggett’s award was presented by UMBI Board Chairman William M. Gust of Anthem Capital Management in Baltimore.

Founder and President of Dynamac Corporation Diana MacArthur was honored with a *Biotechnology Industry Award* presented by MdBio Foundation President C. Robert Eaton and Harvest Bank of Maryland Chairman John Holaday.

U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-Maryland) was presented a *Biotechnology Advocacy Award* for her support of the industry. In presenting the award, Maryland Secretary of Business and Economic Development Aris Melissaratos noted “Mikulski championed the Blue Crab Restoration Project at UMBI’s Center of Marine Biotechnology beginning 5 years ago. Now that 200,000 juvenile blue crabs have been released in the Bay, Mikulski’s foresight and passion for the Bay, the watermen, and our environment is paying off in tangible ways.”

The family of former Maryland Delegate Howard “Pete” Rawlings (D-Baltimore) accepted an award in his memory. Delegate Rawlings was an early champion of UMBI and the biotechnology industry in Baltimore from his powerful position as Chairman of the Maryland House Appropriations Committee.

Other VIPs appearing at the UMBI 20th Anniversary Gala included Senator Jennie Forehand (D-Montgomery County), Senator Lisa Gladden (D-Baltimore), Delegate Dan Morhaim, M.D., (D-Baltimore County), Delegate Brian J. Feldman (D-Montgomery County), Montgomery County Councilman Mike Knapp, former U.S. Presidential Science Advisor John Gibbons, Dynamac Corporation President Doug Britt, and Technology Development Corporation of Maryland Interim Executive Director Renee Winsky,

Baltimore Gospel artist Debbie Jacobs Rock brought the crowd to their feet with the National Anthem and a new work arranged just for the event.

The Gala raised more than \$127,000 for UMBI research. Major sponsors include Human Genome Sciences, Dyanamac Corporation, Fisher Scientific, Technology Development Corporation of Maryland (TEDCO), and MdBio.

With research centers in Baltimore, Rockville, and College Park, the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute is the newest of 13 institutions forming the University System of Maryland. UMBI has 85 ladder-ranked faculty and a 2006 budget of \$60 million. Celebrating the institution’s 20th year of service to Maryland and the world, UMBI is led by microbiologist and former biotechnology executive Dr. Jennie C. Hunter-Cevera. For more information visit www.umbi.umd.edu.



Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., and Delegate Dan Morhaim, M.D., congratulate UMBI President Jennie C. Hunter-Cevera, Ph.D.

University System of Maryland Board of Regents Chairman David Nevins and USM Chancellor William E. Kirwan, Ph.D., name Distinguished Professor Rita Colwell, Ph.D. President Emeritus of UMBI



The always elegant Diana MacArthur traveled from New Mexico to join the celebration.





Dr. Nina Cole Rawlings surrounded by family and friends. Her husband Delegate Howard "Pete" Rawlings was honored *in memoriam*.

Center of Marine Biotechnology Director Yonathan Zohar, Ph.D., enjoying the company of Dr. Shain-Dow Kung and Mrs. Helen Kung.

