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UMBI Announces New Board of Visitors Leadership

Baltimore, MD—Today, Jennie C. Hunter-Cevera, Ph.D., President of the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute named Edwin S. Crawford of Baltimore the next Chair of UMBI's Board of Visitors.



Edwin S. Crawford, incoming UMBI Board Chair

“Ed has served on the UMBI Board since 2003, and he was the natural candidate for Chair,” commented Hunter-Cevera. “Ed is an investment banker who will help UMBI do an even better job ensuring institutional transparency. He is a coalition builder who shares my vision of working with the most broad array of stakeholders to build biotechnology research and the biotechnology industry in Maryland.”

At the same time, Hunter-Cevera announced that H. Thomas “Tom” Watkins of Human Genome Sciences, Willie E. May, Ph.D., of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Anthony C.

Wisniewski of the U.S. Chamber of

Commerce, and Michael Whitehouse, a consultant to NASDAQ and the biotechnology industry, have joined the UMBI Board of Visitors.

“UMBI's Board of Visitors, already strong, has become even stronger,” stated Hunter-Cevera.

Immediate past chair William Gust of Baltimore remains a member of the Board Executive Committee which also includes former MdBio executive C. Robert Eaton and entrepreneur John Holaday, Ph.D.

Other members of the Board include James S. Burns of EntreMed, venture capitalist James Chamberlain, Gino J. Gemignani, Jr., of Whiting Turner, Harvey D. Kushner, Rachel K. King of GlycoMimetics, former DBED Secretary Aris Melissaratos, the

Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., and Steve Trevisan of Accelovance and MdBio. State Senator Lisa Gladden, Montgomery County Councilman Mike Knapp, and Delegate Dan Morhaim, M.D., are ex-officio members of the Board of Visitors.

“UMBI is honored to have Edwin S. Crawford lead our Board of Visitors,” stated vice-president for institutional advancement David Bobbitt. “Ed’s public service is without parallel in our state. Ed is a former University System of Maryland Regent where he served as Finance Committee chair and earned the Outstanding Regent Service Award in 2000.”

A Maryland resident since 1970, Crawford is the Managing Director of Lyons Capital Management. In this role, he leads alternative debt and equity funding projects for a variety of Maryland companies and institutions. His expertise in both business infrastructure and residential funding led Governor Martin O’Malley to name Crawford to the Governor’s transition review team for housing and community development. Crawford holds degrees in economics and public administration from the University of Maryland and is a Navy veteran, submarine service, of the Vietnam era.

“My interest in ensuring that public institutions are accountable to the public for their use of funds and other resources goes all the way back to the late 1970s” when a senior staff member on the President’s Reorganization Project at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, commented Crawford.

Crawford continued, “UMBI does a great job in performing amazing research, bringing research funding into our state, working with stakeholders in education and workforce development, and bringing technologies and partnerships to market that benefit our economy. As chair I want that story known more fully by every Marylander: UMBI works for Maryland.”

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 more than 60 ladder-ranked faculty and a 2007 budget of \$59 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.

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