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UMBI Launches Redesigned Website

Baltimore, MD— UMBI, the biotechnology institute of the University System of Maryland, has launched a redesigned website, at <http://www.umbi.org>.

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The updated website, with new features and improved navigation, is intended to make UMBI's scientific, educational, and industrial news and activities more accessible to journalists, the media, and the general public.

Features of the new home page include links to each of UMBI's four research centers, a Faculty Directory, Education and Outreach, Mission Statement, "What is Biotechnology?", and links for UMBI Supporters and Partners. Several drop-down menus, such as "About UMBI" and "Real-World Applications", provide more detailed information. In addition to News and Events, a new UMBI Features section describes projects and research news of special interest.

Commented UMBI President Jennie C. Hunter-Cevera, Ph.D.: "The new website helps make the amazing research performed at UMBI more accessible to the outside world. For every dollar the state invests in UMBI, we generate two dollars in outside competitive funding grants, grants from industry and foundations. Everyone, most particularly every Marylander, should be able to see the work done here."

Hunter-Cevera continued, "The web is where outside stakeholders and customers most often first learn about UMBI. Whether it's a science teacher in Western Maryland looking for resources to expand the lab offerings for her students or a small biotech company in Montgomery County looking for R&D help, UMBI's new website offers one stop for everyone."

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: <http://www.umbi.org>.

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