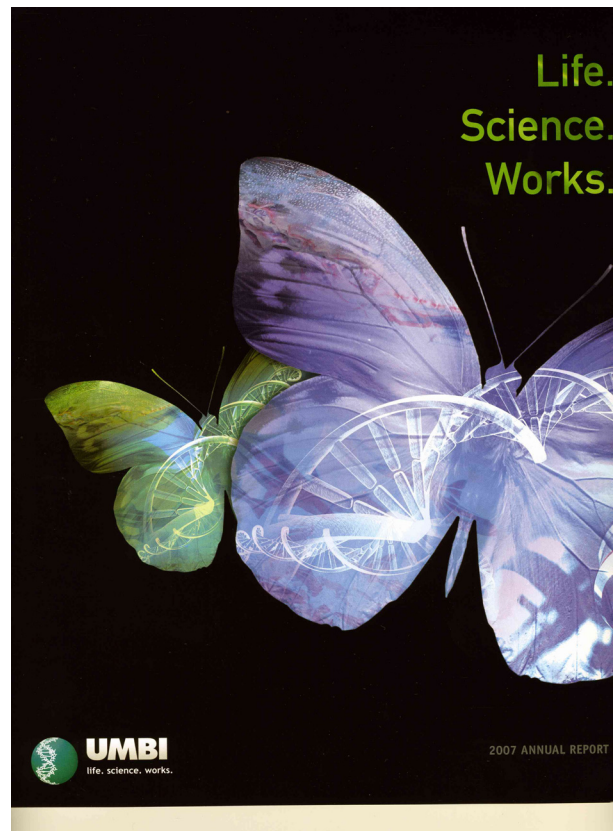


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UMBI Releases 2007 Annual Report

Baltimore, MD— UMBI, the biotechnology institution of the University System of Maryland, has released the [2007 edition of its Annual Report](#). “UMBI is at the leading edge of discovery, innovation, and workforce training and ever-aware of its role as an engine of Maryland’s economic development,” said Dr. Jennie Hunter-Cevera, who has served as UMBI’s president for nine years.

Highlights in the report include UMBI’s newly expanded research center at Shady Grove, and educational outreach programs that have served over 12,000 K-12 pupils during the last year. The report describes examples of biotechnology applications ranging from treatment of heart disease to Alzheimer’s; from tracking down the real culprit in fish kills to restoring the crab population in the Chesapeake Bay; from new animal models for AIDS research to speeding up the time frame for laboratory discoveries to make their way to industry, so that they can be of more immediate service to the general public.



The enthusiasm and dedication of UMBI's scientists is evident in the pages of this report. In the words of UMBI professor Dr. Jon Lederer, "It's not only a privilege, but also great fun to be able to work hard on something you love."

With research centers in Baltimore, Rockville, and College Park, UMBI, 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 mandate to advance the biotechnology economy while preparing a well-equipped workforce. Celebrating more than 20 years of service to Maryland and the world, UMBI is led by microbiologist and former biotechnology executive Dr. Jennie C. Hunter-Cevera.

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