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COMPANY SPOTLIGHT

- **Array BioPharma** (Boulder) and Genentech have entered into an amendment to their drug discovery collaboration agreement between Array and Genentech from 2003 adding a new collaboration target and agreed to increase the number of the Array's scientists performing services under the agreement. The Amendment also provides for the payment of a one-time license fee, research funding and milestone payments to the Array in connection with the new target.
- **National Jewish Health** (Denver) and Roche Diagnostics have reached an agreement to pursue opportunities in the growing field of molecular diagnostics. The partnership will combine National Jewish's expertise in clinical testing and care for patients with respiratory and environmental diseases with Roche's technology to bring new diagnostic solutions to the market.
- **Accelr8 Technology** (Denver) announced via a collaboration with researchers from the University of Utah, University of Washington comes production-scalable methods to make OptiChem surface micro-patterns for live-cell and biomolecular attachment. The study overcame technical obstacles that have limited previous high-performance, patterned bio-coatings to laboratory-scale fabrication. Potential applications include cell patterning for candidate molecule screening in drug development, and tissue generation for regenerative medicine.
- **Range Fuels** (Broomfield) has partnered with Thousand Oaks, Calif.-based Ceres to focus on harvesting high-yield biomass to produce ethanol. Range Fuels will examine how noninvasive, high-yield, nonfood sources of biomass could contribute to the company's plan to commercially produce cellulosic ethanol. Ceres currently focuses on high-yield annual and perennial biomass such as sorghum, switchgrass and miscanthus.
- Researchers at the **Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes** (Aurora) at the University of Colorado Denver participated in a recent multi-center clinical diabetes study that found patients with Type 1 diabetes who regularly use continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) devices to help manage their disease, experience significant improvements in blood sugar control when the devices are used consistently. The study was funded by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and will be published online this week by the New England Journal of Medicine and in the journal's October print edition.

FINANCE

- The National Science Foundation granted **Colorado State University** \$3M to establish the Integrated Graduate Education in Biorefining and Biofuels Program and will support the education of up to 45 doctoral students over the next five years in everything from environmental assessment (greenhouse gas impacts) to fuel engineering and plant biotechnology, CSU will provide an additional \$600,000

PEOPLE

- **Tim Prodanovich**, co-founder of 3QMatrix, has been hired to head the Boulder Innovation Center's BioScience Program. In his part-time role as program director, Prodanovich will help startup companies identify mentors who can then help the companies succeed.

- **Teresa J. Sakraida, RN, PhD, MS, MSED**, an assistant professor in the University of Colorado Denver, College of Nursing, was one of 15 junior faculty nationwide to receive an inaugural Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Nurse Faculty Scholar award. The three-year, \$350,000 grant began on September 1. The award will support her research to test whether patients with Type II diabetes and stage 3 chronic kidney disease who self-manage their conditions by following a tailored behavioral education and counseling intervention have improved health outcomes, quality of life, and glycemic control compared with similar patients who do not follow this behavioral education and counseling intervention.
- **CBR International Corp.**[®] (Boulder) Jeanne M. Novak, Ph.D., CEO and President of CBR International Corp.[®] will be chairing Europe's largest and most influential vaccine conference, the *10th International World Vaccines Congress*, being held in Lyon, France, from October 6th through 8th, 2008. Dr. Novak will also present "Effective Designs of a Clinical Development Programme for Vaccines" on October 8th, 2008. The conference will be held at the Palais des Congrès de Lyon. The World Vaccine Congress is Europe's definitive event for the global vaccine industry.

SQUARE PEGS

- Organizers of **BioWest 2008** are seeking candidates for the Venture Showcase Award. Six companies will be chosen to present at the showcase on 13 November and will be judged by a panel of national venture capitalists. Deadline for entry is 1 October. To apply, visit: [the website](#).
- The **Cancer Supercluster** Retreat at CSU is scheduled for September 16th from 9:00-5:00 in the Cherokee Park Room at the Lory Student Center. A goal of the Cancer Supercluster is to encourage greater collaboration between CSU researchers and bioscience companies. There will be a social hour and poster viewing at the end of the day. Lunch will be provided. Please email Mike Weil (michael.weil@colostate.edu) if you plan to attend.
- Connect with Colorado's bioscience community on Beaker.com – the world's first on-line scientific community. Click on the CBSA's logo on the front page of Beaker.com to see our story and join our community.