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Deerfield, IL —The Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) held its annual meeting Feb. 27 – March 2. Nearly 1,700 attendees participated in the four day event, which featured networking, professional development, and sessions on many hot topics in technology transfer. AUTM recognized outstanding achievement with several award presentations during the meeting.

The Bayh-Dole Award, which honors those who have been ardent supporters of the technology transfer profession, was awarded to Mark Crowell, Executive Director, U.Va. Innovation and Associate Vice President for Research at the University of Virginia. Crowell's 25-year career in university innovation includes extensive experience in technology licensing, startup company formation, seed capital development and more.

The AUTM Volunteer of the Year award was created to recognize individuals for their leadership and outstanding service to the AUTM membership. Members are nominated by their peers, and the final selection is made by the AUTM Executive Committee. This year's AUTM Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Michael Waring, Government Affairs Director for the University of Michigan. Waring has been active in AUTM advocacy issues for the past two years. Waring has provided assistance to the AUTM Board of Directors, providing them with information and materials for their visits on Capitol Hill, and he frequently provides updates on issues of concern for AUTM related to the implementation of the America Invents Act and the free agency provisions of the proposed Startup 3.0 Act.

AUTM presented the 2013 Scholarships for New Technology Transfer Professionals from Developing Economies to five technology transfer professionals just beginning their careers in countries for which technology transfer is an emerging profession. Receiving the award were: Iclal Arguc, Sabanci University; Elias Drummond, Universidade Estadual de Campinas; Zulfaquar Dudhia, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University; Ronan Izcovich, CONICET and JD Labuschagne, Stellenbosch University.

The AUTM Academic Technology Transfer and Commercialization Graduate Student Literature Review Prize recognizes the importance of academic research for informing technology transfer practice, providing an incentive to scholars to think about new ways that their work that can serve the AUTM membership. This award was presented to Bridget D. Feldmann, Illinois State University. The runners up in this category were: Patrick McHugh, Brown University and Thien Tran, Portland State University.

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The Association of University Technology Managers is a nonprofit organization with an international membership of more than 3,000 technology managers and business executives. AUTM members — managers of intellectual property, one of the most active growth sectors of the global economy — come from more than 300 universities, research institutions and teaching hospitals as well as numerous businesses and government organizations.