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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. A highlight of the meeting was the awards presentation which exemplified outstanding contributions to the technology transfer profession.

Technology transfer is the process of transferring scientific findings from one organization to another for the purpose of further development and commercialization. The profession got its start after the passage of the Bayh-Dole Act in 1980. The Bayh-Dole Act created a uniform patent policy among the many federal agencies that fund research, enabling small businesses and non-profit organizations, including universities, to retain title to inventions made under federally-funded research programs.

The AUTM President's Award was presented to Howard Bremer, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, during the AUTM Annual Meeting. Bremer is considered one of the most well-known and highly regarded members of the technology transfer profession. He was influential in the drafting and passage of the Bayh-Dole Act and mentors and advises on technology transfer issues to this day.

"Howard continues to provide critical analyses of public policy issues and remains AUTM's most trusted advisor on legal and legislative issues," said AUTM President Todd Sherer during the award presentation.

In addition to receiving the President's award, Bremer also announced the recipients of the 2013 Howard Bremer Scholarships. AUTM launched the Bremer Scholarship in 2002 to honor Bremer's legacy within the profession. The 2013 Howard Bremer Scholarships were awarded to: Ramzi Asfour, PARTEQ Innovations (Queen's University); Neil Bajpayee, University of California, Los Angeles; Chalonda Handy, Nationwide Children's Hospital - The Research Institute; Mary Beth Hughes Campbell, California Institute of Technology (Caltech); and Michelle Johnson, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

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