



Newly Elected AUTM President and Board Members Take Office

WASHINGTON, DC - March 20, 2017 — The Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM), an international non-profit whose 3,200 members support academic research commercialization globally, shepherding innovations from the lab to the marketplace, has welcomed **Mary Albertson**, of Stanford University, as its new President, and five new Directors to its Board.

Albertson, of the Office of Technology Licensing (OTL) at Stanford, has worked for more than two decades supporting technology transfer. Albertson has managed technologies – from evaluation to licensing – in the life sciences and medical devices fields. She is involved in information management, the analysis of technology transfer business processes and information collection systems.

Albertson spoke Wednesday at AUTM’s Annual Meeting in Hollywood, Florida, sharing with the conference’s more than 1,750 attendees details of new initiatives being undertaken by the organization, such as the launch of a newly redeveloped Global Technology Portal (GTP) which is powered by technology partner Wellspring to make it even easier to connect research innovation with industry.

“AUTM continues to represent the best interests of our profession, building upon the advocacy work we’ve done over the past 44 years,” Albertson said. “Today we are working on refining our brand, creating stronger messaging and continuing to develop approaches necessary to direct AUTM now and in years to come.”

“We are very fortunate to have Mary leading our strategic Board during this pivotal time in AUTM’s evolution,” said AUTM CEO Stephen Susalka. “Mary’s broad wealth of experiences provides a unique perspective to guide the organization on our mission to support and advance academic technology transfer globally.”

Alison Campbell, Director of Knowledge Transfer Ireland, was Tuesday selected AUTM’s Chair-Elect and will replace Albertson when she steps down as President in February 2018.

Joining the Board are these five newly installed Directors who were elected to three-year-terms:

- **Holly W. Meadows**, Associate Director, Bill L. Harbert Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- **Christopher Noble**, Technology Licensing Officer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- **Kenneth Porter**, Vice President of Intellectual Property Management, Innovate Calgary
- **Marc Sedam**, Associate Vice Provost for Innovation and New Ventures, and Managing Director, UNHInnovation at the University of New Hampshire
- **Gayatri Varma**, Director, Partnering & Strategy at MedImmune, the global biologics research and development arm of AstraZeneca

About AUTM

The Association of University Technology Managers is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing research to life by supporting and enhancing the global academic technology transfer profession through education, professional development, partnering and advocacy. AUTM's more than 3,200 members

represent managers of intellectual property from more than 300 universities, research institutions and teaching hospitals around the world, as well as numerous businesses and government organizations. To learn more, visit www.AUTM.net.

Editor's Note

Photographs are attached

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