



## **Healionics' Buddy Ratner Receives European Society for Biomaterials Award**

**Seattle, WA (August 29, 2013)** – Professor Buddy D. Ratner, Healionics' co-founder and chair of the Science Advisory Board, has won the George D. Winter Award from the European Society for Biomaterials.

The award was established to recognize, encourage and stimulate outstanding research contributions to the field of biomaterials and is named after Dr. George Winter, a British physician who did pioneering work in wound healing and implants in the 1960's and 1970's. Professor Ratner often had the opportunity to discuss biomaterials with Dr. Winter in the 1970's.

According to the description of the award, the nominee must have contributed significantly to the knowledge in the field of biomaterials and/or the material controlled or influenced reactions within the host body through basic, experimental and/or clinical research. The last time a U.S. citizen living in the United States won this award was 1989.

Professor Ratner will accept the George D. Winter Award at the European Society for Biomaterials annual conference next month in Madrid, Spain. He will also present the award lecture, "Hydrogels Evolve: From the Gels of George D. Winter to 2013 Precision-Engineered Functional Hydrogels." Professor Ratner is the co-inventor of STAR<sup>®</sup> Biomaterial and his research with STAR fabricated from hydrogels will be featured in this talk.

Visit <http://www.healionics.com/about-scientific-advisory-board.html> for Professor Ratner's profile.  
Visit <http://www.esbiomaterials.eu> for more information about the European Society for Biomaterials.  
Visit <http://www.esb2013.org> for more info about the 25<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Biomaterials to be held on Sept. 8-12, 2013 in Madrid, Spain.

### **About Healionics Corporation**

Healionics develops and manufactures STAR<sup>®</sup> Biomaterials for implanted medical devices. The precisely controlled pore structure of the innovative STAR technology induces a favorable integrated healing response, overcoming fibrotic reactions and infection issues to enhance medical device performance and longevity. [www.healionics.com](http://www.healionics.com)

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