



CEO Michel Alvarez Presents iSTAR Medical at IN3 Europe 2011

Seattle, WA (March 14, 2011) — Michel Alvarez, CEO of Healionics Corporation, has been selected to present iSTAR Medical, Healionics' new program for ophthalmic devices to the medical technology community at IN3 Europe 2011, in Paris, France on March 15-16.

"This conference provides a great opportunity to present iSTAR Medical and the progress we have made with STAR[®] biomaterials for ophthalmic applications to an European audience," says Alvarez.

iSTAR Medical will use Healionics' innovative STAR[®] biomaterial to create "next generation" ophthalmic medical device implants that *biointegrate* or heal. Proper healing of long-term implants has historically been a major challenge. Poor integration and fibrosis from the foreign body response greatly contribute to the failure of long-term implants.

iSTAR's initial device projects focus on Glaucoma and Corneal Blindness – two of the five most common eye diseases and disorders afflicting approximately 85 million people worldwide.

More information about IN3 Europe 2011 can be found at www.in3europe.com.

About Healionics Corporation

Healionics is a biomaterials technology company whose flagship STAR[®] Biomaterial aims to solve the historic "device-to-tissue" interface problem of long-term medical implants. Better healing and functioning implants are key to improving patient well-being while reducing the ballooning \$50 billion per year in global healthcare costs attributed to implant failures. STAR Biomaterial has shown promising results in reducing fibrosis, enhancing biointegration, and resisting infection, addressing several common causes for failure of long-term implants. www.healionics.com

About iSTAR Medical:

iSTAR Medical SA is a Belgium-based spinout of Healionics Corporation. Its mission is to improve the lives of patients suffering from eye diseases and disorders. iSTAR's initial focus is to develop ophthalmic implants made from STAR Biomaterial for treating glaucoma and corneal blindness. www.istarmed.com

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