



Dr. Buddy Ratner Receives Prestigious 2009 Acta Biomaterialia Gold Medal Award

Redmond, WA, (September 11, 2009)—Dr. Buddy D. Ratner, chair of Healionics' Scientific Advisory Board and co-inventor of STAR® Biomaterial, is honored with the prestigious Acta Biomaterialia Gold Medal Award. He receives the award today at the 2009 meeting of the European Society for Biomaterials in Lausanne, Switzerland, and presents a plenary talk, "Biocompatibility Vitalized: The Paradigm Shifts in Healing and Regeneration."

The 2009 Acta Biomaterialia Gold Medal Award is given to Dr. Ratner in recognition for excellence in the research and the practice of biomaterials. Dr. Ratner is the Professor of Bioengineering and Chemical Engineering at the University of Washington. Throughout his distinguished career of 40 years, Dr. Ratner has been a leader in the explorations of engineered biomaterials and has contributed significantly to the advancement of biomedical science and technology.

Dr. Andrew Marshall, Principal Scientist of Healionics and the other co-inventor of STAR® Biomaterial, is on hand to congratulate Dr. Ratner during the award presentation. It was ten years of dedicated research at the University of Washington where Dr. Ratner and Dr. Marshall discovered the "sweet spot" - the precise pore size and geometry that allows biomaterial to promote the acceptance of biomedical devices within the body, which led to the creation of STAR® Biomaterial, Healionics' flagship technology.

Dr. Ratner is the author of more than 400 scholarly works and has received numerous awards. In 2002, he was elected a member of the National Academy of Engineering, USA. Most recently, Dr. Ratner was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

More information about Acta Biomaterialia Gold Medal Award can be found at http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/P10_162.cws_home/actagoldmedal

About Healionics Corporation

Healionics is a privately held biomaterials company whose mission is to be the leading provider of tissue regeneration and device biointegration solutions to healthcare manufacturers. The Company's flagship STAR - Sphere Templated Angiogenic Regeneration – biomaterial scaffold is a next generation biomaterial scaffold designed to enhance biointegration and promote healing of implanted medical devices. Healionics Corporation is headquartered in Redmond, Washington. For more information, please visit <http://www.healionics.com>.

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