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## Academic Industry Roundtable (AIR)

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We are pleased to announce the SUNY AIR's opening roundtable discussion, *Clinical and Translational Research at SUNY*. SUNY System and campus leaders will join industry experts in a discussion about SUNY's innovation, research, and partnering goals, as well as how to achieve them. The panel will introduce major topics, including alliance management, clinical trial infrastructure, and innovative preclinical research, that will be discussed throughout the event.

This dynamic panel will be moderated by Alex Cartwright, Provost, SUNY System and Interim President, Research Foundation for SUNY. He will be joined by Andre Fenton, Chief Executive Officer, Bio Signal Group; Karin Gulbrandsen, Senior Director, U.S. Head for Trial Coordination and Site Management at Janssen Pharmaceuticals; Louis Jasper, USAMRMC, Product Manager of the Dengue Vaccine Program, U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity; Craig Lipset, Head of Clinical Innovation within Worldwide Research & Development, Pfizer; Timothy Murphy, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research, Director, Clinical and Translational Research Center, and Distinguished Professor of Medicine University at Buffalo; Kathryn Richdale, Assistant Clinical Professor, College of Optometry.

### Roundtable Discussion Leaders:

Alexander Cartwright, Provost, SUNY System and Interim President, Research Foundation for SUNY (Moderator)



Dr. Alex Cartwright is the chief academic officer of the SUNY system. As Provost, he oversees all academic programs, policy and assessment; enrollment management and student success; global affairs; and SUNY's comprehensive research enterprise. He also oversees the Research Foundation's management of over \$1 billion dollars in annual sponsored research activity. An internationally recognized researcher and scholar in the area of optical sensors, Dr. Cartwright most recently served as Vice President for Research and Economic Development at the University at Buffalo, the State University of New York (SUNY Buffalo) and the Acting Executive Director of the New York State Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences. In these roles, he was responsible for campus/industry relations, research funding and compliance, research communications and research support for SUNY Buffalo and the Center. Dr. Cartwright is a prolific and highly influential scholar, producing more than 150 peer reviewed journal publications and conference proceedings. He holds six patents and his work has been licensed by three startup companies. In December of 2014, Dr. Cartwright earned appointment as a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors.

Andre Fenton, Chief Executive Officer, Bio Signal Group



André Fenton is a recognized neuroscientist, biomedical engineer and entrepreneur working on three related problems: how brains store information in memory; how brains coordinate knowledge to selectively activate relevant information and suppress irrelevant information; and how to record electrical activity from brain cells in freely-moving subjects.

His lab recordings of electrical brain activity are elucidating the physiology of cognitive control and cognitive dysfunction in schizophrenia. Dr. Fenton is a Professor at the Center for Neural Science at New York University and Associate Professor of Physiology and Pharmacology at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. He founded Bio-Signal Group Corp., a start-up company located in Downstate's Advanced Biotech Incubator, to develop brain-recording technology for medical applications that include enabling the rapid assessment of a patient's functional brain state for emergency medicine.

Dr. Fenton and colleagues identified PKMzeta as the first molecule that maintains the persistence of memories in the brain, a discovery recognized by Science Magazine as one of the 10 most important breakthroughs in all of science and technology published in 2006.

Karin Gulbrandsen, Sr. Director, U.S. Head for Trial Coordination and Site Management at Janssen Pharmaceuticals



Karin Gulbrandsen is a Senior Director within Trial Coordination and Site Management for Janssen Pharmaceuticals Research and Development. As the U.S. Head, Karin is responsible for driving the delivery of studies in all phases of clinical development across therapeutic areas that include Oncology, Cardiovascular, Metabolism, Infectious Disease, Neuroscience, Immunology and Vaccines. In Karin's 20+ years of experience in the pharmaceutical business, she



has served as a CRA, Lead CRA, Trainer, CRA and Department Manager as well as Regional and Global Leads for multiple projects and initiatives. Karin believes in focusing efforts on continuous improvement in order to continue to streamline the ways we develop and deliver high quality medicines for the patients that are waiting.

Louis Jasper, USAMRMC, Product Manager of the Dengue Vaccine Program, U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity

Mr. Jasper is a Product Manager (PdM) in the Pharmaceutical Systems Program Management Office (PSPMO) of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC), Ft. Detrick, Maryland. As a PdM, his primary responsibility is to lead DoD medical product development teams. Since 2009, Mr. Jasper's primary responsibility has been to serve as the Chair of the USAMRMC Dengue Vaccine Program. Additionally, he has either led or served several other Integrated Product Teams (IPTs) to include: the Rapid Diagnostics and Detection Devices, Alternate Arthropod Repellent, Leishmania Rapid Diagnostic Device, Dengue Rapid Diagnostic Device, Hepatitis E vaccine, and Chikungunya vaccine. Through these efforts, Mr. Jasper's goal is to develop and field products for US Service Members. However, this goal parallels the need to develop infectious disease medical products for global health.

Prior to 2009, Mr. Jasper served as the Chief, Product Technical Operations in the Division of Regulatory Affairs and Compliance within the USAMRMC and as a government contractor with Science Applications International Corporation. Additionally, Mr. Jasper spent several years as a Research Engineer and Laboratory Supervisor conducting orthopaedic-biomechanics research at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University International Center for Orthopaedic Advancement. Mr. Jasper has also worked as a Research Engineer for the Army Research Laboratory (ARL) Non-Lethal Technology Program and worked briefly on the AWACS program at Northrup Grumman. He holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and an M.S. in Engineering Management, inclusive of Biomechanics and Manufacturing Design. In addition, Mr. Jasper holds a graduate certificate in Regulatory Compliance for Biotechnology Products.

Craig Lipset, Head of Clinical Innovation within Worldwide Research & Development, Pfizer



Craig Lipset is Head of Clinical Innovation within Worldwide Research & Development at Pfizer. Craig's team is responsible for impacting clinical research through digital tools, innovative research approaches and unprecedented collaborations. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research, the Board of Directors for the MedStar Health Research Institute, the Operations Committee for TransCelerate BioPharma, and as a Mentor at health tech accelerator Blueprint Health. Craig also serves on the Editorial Board for Therapeutic Innovation & Regulatory Science.

Craig previously served as Venture Partner in Pfizer Venture Investments as well as Senior Director in Molecular Medicine within Pfizer R&D. Prior to Pfizer he served as Associate Vice President of Program Management at Adnexus Therapeutics (acquired by Bristol-Myers Squibb), and on the founding management team for Perceptive Informatics (now part of PAREXEL International).

Timothy Murphy, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research, Director, Clinical and Translational Research Center, and Distinguished Professor of Medicine University at Buffalo



Timothy Murphy MD is SUNY Distinguished Professor of Medicine and Microbiology at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York. Dr. Murphy's research interests include vaccine development for bacteria that cause ear infections in children and also infections in people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). He is internationally recognized for his research, which is funded by the National Institutes of Health.

After serving for 16 years as UB Chief of Infectious Diseases he was appointed Director of the UB Clinical and Translational Research Center, a state-of-the-art research center of the UB School of Medicine that opened in 2012 on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. The Center houses a clinical research center and laboratories of leading scientists who lead teams of researchers to perform translational research with a vision toward making new discoveries to improve healthcare for people in Western New York and the nation.

Kathryn Richdale, Assistant Clinical Professor, College of Optometry



Dr. Kathryn Richdale is an Assistant Professor and the founding Director of the Clinical Vision Research Center at the SUNY College of Optometry. She received her OD, PhD, and Cornea and Contact Lens Fellowship from The Ohio State University. She has been a principal investigator for industry- private- and federally-funded research in presbyopia, cornea, and contact lenses. She has been awarded an American Optometric Foundation Ezell Fellowship, Prevent Blindness Ohio Young Investigator Fellowship and Ohio Lions Eye Research Fellowship, and is the inaugural Alden N. Haffner Innovation Chair at SUNY Optometry. Dr. Richdale served as a 2014-15 SUNY Research Foundation Presidential Fellow.

Get a sneak peek at all we have in store with announced that Craig Lipset, Head of Clinical Development of Pfizer will be the [opening ke](#)

Stay tuned, we'll have lots of exciting new ev updates about the event [here](#).

Registration for this event will be invite only. interested in attending the event or you are u partnering with SUNY, please contact Kimber [kimberly.eck@rfsuny.org](mailto:kimberly.eck@rfsuny.org)



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