



AUTM Chair, Newly Elected Board Members Take Office

Austin, Texas – Feb. 14, 2019 — AUTM, an international non-profit supporting the commercialization of academic research, moving innovations from lab to marketplace, has welcomed Richard Chylla, Ph.D., CLP, RTTP, Executive Director of MSU Technologies, the technology transfer office at Michigan State University, and two new directors to its Board.

In his role at MSU, the nation's pioneer land-grant university, Chylla leads an office of 20 who manage the university's diverse intellectual property portfolio. He has been in university technology transfer since 2008. Prior to joining MSU, he served as the Director of Technology Transfer for the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan.

Chylla spent the first two decades of his career in the specialty chemicals industry working in a variety of technology management, engineering and product development roles for BASF and Johnson Polymer, including assignments in Europe as the European Technical Director, and Asia as the Global Product Development Manager. He won his company's highest inventor award three times, developing polymer technology that achieved more than \$1 billion in sales over the life of the patents.

Chylla spoke Wednesday at AUTM's Annual Meeting in Austin, sharing with the conference's nearly 2,000 attendees new initiatives to strengthen and expand the technology transfer profession while highlighting the Association's commitment to its members.

"All of us at this conference are fortunate to be working in a profession that catalyzes, encourages, facilitates, promotes, advances and sometimes drags technology from research laboratories to companies where it is transformed into products and services that make a better world," Chylla said. "It's an exciting journey. AUTM wants to be with you every step of the way."

AUTM CEO Stephen Susalka said Chylla has been a thoughtful leader on AUTM's Board of Directors. "He has a wealth of experience in technology transfer, and his substantial industry background, with first-hand knowledge of how companies commercialize ground-breaking innovations, provides a unique perspective," Susalka added. "He will be a fantastic steward for the Association as we take up critical issues this year about the future of our profession, how to better engage our industry colleagues, and the best ways to measure the impact of technology transfer."

Marc Sedam, MBA, RTTP, Associate Vice Provost for Innovation and New Ventures at the University of New Hampshire; Managing Director of UNHInnovation, was selected as AUTM's Chair-Elect, and will succeed Chylla when he steps down as Chair in March 2020.

Joining the two are newly installed directors elected to three-year terms:

- **Monya Dunlop**, RTTP, Database Administrator, University of Florida's UF Innovate - Tech Licensing Office
- **Ian McClure**, J.D., LL.M., Director, Office of Technology Commercialization, University of Kentucky

About AUTM

AUTM is the non-profit leader in efforts to educate, promote and inspire professionals, throughout their careers, to support the development of academic research that changes the world. AUTM's community is comprised of more than 3,000 members who work in more than 800 universities, research centers, hospitals, businesses and government organizations around the globe. To learn more, visit www.AUTM.net.

Editor's Note

Photographs are attached.

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