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MBCOI Elects New Board Member

Marine Bio-Technologies Center of Innovation ([MBCOI](#)) is pleased to announce that J. Barry Buzogany, Esq., joined the board of directors on February 20, 2014. Barry's leadership qualities and business acumen have enriched the achievements of executive teams and boards of directors in both publicly and privately held pharmaceutical, life sciences, medical technology, and contract research organizations over the past thirty years.

"It is with great pleasure that we welcome Barry to the board," said Deb Mosca, PhD, CEO of MBCOI. "Barry's wealth of expertise is certain to help MBCOI advance its mission and we look forward to working with Barry in this new capacity."

Barry has served as a C-level operations and legal executive (CEO/COO/CLO) for the past thirty years and more recently as a professional board member, management consultant, and mentor. In addition to his new role on the board of MBCOI, he currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for PillGuard Medication Delivery Systems, and is also a member of the board of T3D Therapeutics, Inc.

He recently completed a six-year term as a director at Easter Seals/UCP of NC and VA, a not-for-profit with a \$90m annual budget where he served on the Executive, Audit and Governance Committees. Mr. Buzogany is a Senior Associate for Shepherd Research, Inc., a science and management consulting firm for life sciences, IT and other data-driven companies. He is a volunteer mentor and adviser to several start-up companies through the Council for Entrepreneurial Development's formal mentorship program.

Mr. Buzogany received his BA from Bowling Green State University, his MA in International Relations from the University of Southern California, and his JD from the University of Akron College of Law. He is an active member of the Council for Entrepreneurial Development (CED) and the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD). Mr. Buzogany has been a speaker at national conferences on corporate ethics, technology transfer, and strategic development and marketing collaborations.

Gordon Research Conference on Marine Natural Products, Ventura, CA, March 2-7, 2014

MBCOI is supporting the [Gordon Conference](#) on *Marine Natural Products from Discovery to Human Health*. The Conference highlights progressive research on the chemistry and biology of natural product chemicals from the marine environment. Featured topics will include advances in molecular characterization, biomedical applications, biotechnology, genomics, chemical ecology, molecular pharmacology, and chemical biology to reflect the ever-evolving breadth of this dynamic field. One of the hallmarks of this biennial conference is its friendly and collegial atmosphere that facilitates the exchange of ideas with leaders in the field that often leads to cross-disciplinary collaborations. Deb Mosca, MBCOI CEO will be attending the conference.

Small Cells Pose Large Hazards to Coastal Communities - A Discussion on Harmful Algal Blooms - Beaufort, NC, March 10, 2014

MBCOI is co-hosting the Stewards of the Future Harmful Algal Blooms event at the Duke Marine Labs in Beaufort, NC from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Guest speakers are Dr. Patricia Tester, NOAA National Centers for Coastal Science, Beaufort, NC and Tom Stewart, PhD, President, Analytical Chemist, Mercury Science, Durham, NC. *We hope to see you there!* [Register](#)

Supporting Future Marine Scientists, NCSU, Raleigh, NC, March 1, 2014

As part of our educational outreach initiative, MBCOI has made a donation to support the [2014 Blue Heron Bowl](#) competition. The Regional Marine Science Quiz Bowl will take place on the campus of NC State University. The National Ocean Sciences Bowl® (NOSB) event is a nationally recognized and highly acclaimed high school academic competition that provides a forum for talented students to test their knowledge of the marine sciences including biology, chemistry, physics, and geology. The NOSB was created in 1998 in honor of the International Year of the Ocean and since its inception the competition has grown to include 25 regional competition locations with 300 schools and over 2,000 students participating annually.

Enter the Coastal Marine Science Competition

MBCOI is supporting the Marine Science Educational Partnership (MSEP) Coastal Marine Science Competition for registered students between the ages of 13-18, enrolled in private or public middle or high schools in Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Duplin, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Sampson or Wayne counties, NC. Students are invited to submit solutions to a contest prompt. The competition is comprised of an open entry submission, and a judging phase, culminating in the final event to select the winners. The awards ceremony will take place at the NC Aquarium, Pine Knoll Shores, NC on May 29, 2014. [More...](#)

BIO International Convention 2014, San Diego, CA, June 23-26, 2014

Registration is open. Hosted by the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO), this meeting brings together biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centers and related organizations from around the world. MBCOI is pleased to be a part of the North Carolina Pavilion and is looking forward to meeting you there! [Register.](#)

5th International BioMarine Business Convention: Cascais, Portugal, October 30-31, 2014

Biomarine Business Convention 2014 is an international trans-sector platform dedicated to Marine Bioresources that brings together executives focused on investment trends and business development opportunities in marine bioresources. MBCOI and NCBC are working together to host the 2015 BioMarine convention, in Wilmington, NC. Register before March 31, 2014 to take advantage of discounted rates for the 2014. [More...](#)

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