

**Case Western Reserve University, the University of Kentucky and Purdue University
Biomaterials Day - November 7, 2010**

The goal of this meeting was to highlight cutting edge research in the Midwest region and the work done by students at various institutions in the area including Ohio, western Pennsylvania, western New York, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois in the field of biomaterials. Over 100 scientists and engineers from over ten institutions registered.

This full day event began with a keynote address by Dr. William Landis from the University of Akron speaking on “Emerging Avenues for Biomaterials Development.” This was followed by breakout sessions which had a faculty presentation (new investigators) and then the student oral and poster presentations in the areas of Materials, Cell-Material Interactions, Drug Delivery, and Tissue Engineering-Nanotechnology. Almost all students gave an oral presentation and poster presentation, which were judged by various faculty and/or students with awards given to the best at the end of the meeting. A highlight of the day was a question/answer panel discussion with five scientists from industry: Drs. Robert Hastings, Depuy Inc.; William Brodbeck, Steris Corporation; Robert Geho, SDG Pharmaceuticals Inc.; Tracy Richey, Oakwood Labs and Gary Mushock, ASM International. The panel focused on jobs in industry and what employers seek in students as well as answered questions from the audience.