

**University of Michigan / Upper Midwest
Biomaterials Day – May 12 & 13, 2011**

Young faculty members and postdoctoral fellows were highlighted to gain exposure in the biomaterials field. A diverse array of research topics were covered by talks in four sessions titled: *Cell-Biomaterial Interactions*, *Design of Biomaterials*, *Biomaterials for Drug Delivery Applications* and *Biomaterials in Industry*. The podium session on Biomaterials in Industry provided a unique perspective to an audience predominantly from academia. Other highlights included:

- Keynote speakers Dr. David Mooney from Harvard University and Dr. Anthony Atala from Wake Forest University.
- 30 posters were presented to highlight the diverse work of regional graduate students in the field of biomaterials. Three poster awards were given to the best posters as determined by judges.
- 20 attendees took part in a tour of Terumo Heart to get an inside view of a biomaterials industrial facility.

There was great regional participation, with 189 people in attendance.