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We hope you all enjoyed your holiday season, and rang in the new year with loved ones. Below is a quick look back at some of our members' and supporters' successes and joys of 2016. We look forward to working together in 2017 to continually strengthen the life science ecosystem in our region. Welcome 2017!



MDC School of Science to receive more than \$10M in federal STEM awards

Miami Dade College (MDC) will receive two grant awards totaling more than \$10 million during the next five years from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education's Hispanic Serving Institutions – STEM & Articulation Programs to enhance the success of students within the School of Science. Read more [here](#).

For more information, contact Dr. Heather Belmont, Dean of Science, hbelmont@mdc.edu, 305-237-1757.



Startupbootcamp's Demo Day shines spotlight on startups and healthcare ecosystem

This December, Startupbootcamp Demo Day combined innovations in healthcare technology with Miami's Art Basel. On Demo Day, Startupbootcamp's portfolio of digital health companies shared the insights they've garnered working in Miami over the past several months to a room of investors, healthcare customers and providers, press, and other esteemed guests. Read more about their innovative event [here](#).



Torrey Pines Institute's board appoints Dr. Gregory S. Welmaker as president

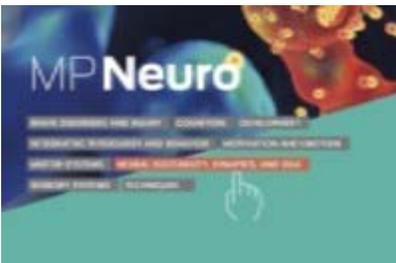
The TPIMS Board of Trustees has appointed Gregory S. Welmaker, Ph.D., M.B.A. to the position of President of the not-for-profit research organization. Dr. Richard A. Houghten, CEO & Founder of TPIMS, congratulated Dr. Welmaker on this appointment and shared his optimism of TPIMS' future under the continued and expanded leadership of Dr. Welmaker. "He has been a driving force to further the technologies developed at TPIMS and I am pleased and honored that Greg has accepted the title of President & Chief Operating Officer," said Houghten. "He is definitely the right man at the right time for this promotion." **Congratulations Dr. Welmaker!!**

Please read more about TPIMS and Dr. Welmaker [here](#).



NSU researcher invents alternative to EpiPen®

The debate over the expense associated with the EpiPen® may be coming to a halt, thanks to pharmaceutical researcher and Associate Professor at NSU's College of Pharmacy Mutasem Rawas-Qalaji, B. Pharm. (Hon.), Ph.D. To read more about Dr. Rawas-Qalaji's work [here](#).



Max Planck Neuroscience launches research and news site for scientific community

From the world's most progressive researchers on the cusp of scientific discovery, the Max Planck Neuroscience (MP Neuro) website now brings the future of neuroscience to our fingertips.

"This brand new digital hub presents all neuroscience content from the entire Max Planck Society network," says Dr. David Fitzpatrick, CEO and scientific director for Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience. For more information, click [here](#).



FAU brain institute designated 'Nikon Center Of Excellence'

Florida Atlantic University's Brain Institute in Jupiter is now home to a Nikon Center of Excellence, making it one of seven designated centers in the United States and 17 worldwide. Read more [here](#).



PBSC Medical Simulation Center wins best practice award

The Center of Excellence in Medical Simulation at Palm Beach State College has been chosen by the Florida College System as a 2016 recipient of the Chancellor's Best Practice Award. Read more [here](#).



FIU Students help build Miami's first medical technology incubator

Miami MedTech, located at FIU's Modesto A. Maidique Campus, is the first comprehensive health care incubator in South Florida that is dedicated to medical device innovation and works to develop products that will make a real impact on people's lives. Read more [here](#).

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Key Dates for Life Sciences South Florida

The next **LSSF Executive Committee Meeting** will be held via conference call Monday, January 9 @ 2:00pm. Check the **LSSF website** for details.

The fifth annual **LSSF STEM Undergraduate Symposium** will take place **Saturday, April 1, 2017** at **Palm Beach State College**. Contact **Alexina** for more details.