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**Medical Device Innovation Consortium (MDIC)
Board Member Randy Schiestl Presents at Inaugural "DMD - Europe" Conference**

As many involved with MDIC know, The University of Minnesota hosts the annual Design of Medical Device Conference in April each year. This week the first DMD–Europe Edition 2013 was conducted at Delft University of Technology in Delft, Netherlands (www.DesignofMedicalDevices.eu). The conference theme was **“Challenge the Future”**.

Randy Schiestl, MDIC Board Member and Project Sponsor for the MDIC's Computer Simulation & Modeling project, presented the MDIC mission, structure and projects at the conference. Ken Merdan, Boston Scientific R&D Director, and Dr. Saurav Paul, University of Minnesota Medical Device Center Director, also presented in the session with a focus on work in-process at both organizations in virtual prototyping, computational modeling and collaborative engagements in 3D visualization.

Interest in MDIC is gaining momentum, including interest on the European front where those engaged in medical device research and technology are anxious to learn more about our bold objective to create **“The one place where *industry, non-profits, and FDA can collaborate to make positive changes in patient access to innovative medical technologies!*”**. As stated by Schiestl, “Technical content at DMD-Europe was impressive and genuine interest in identifying ways to bring technology to market faster for patients worldwide is a shared goal across the continents. DMD-Europe created a platform for true collaboration on global issues and another avenue to share the vision of MDIC.”

About the Medical Device Innovation Consortium

Founded in 2012, MDIC is the first public-private partnership created with the sole objective of advancing medical device regulatory science in an effort to improve product safety and performance while reducing cost and time to market. The MDIC functions in the pre-competitive medical device space, providing a forum for collaboration to leverage resources and share critical information. MDIC's mission is to promote public health through science and technology, to solve issues facing the industry while enhancing safe and effective product performance through the total product lifecycle of commercialized medical devices, and to enhance trust and confidence among stakeholders. Visit www.MDIC.org for more information.

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