

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

REGENTS COMMUNICATION

Approved by the Regents

July 19, 2007

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Academic Partner Program Agreement between the University of Michigan and Compendia, Inc.

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Division of Research Development and Administration while reviewing the Proposal Approval Form. This triggered a review by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflict of interest was then developed by the Board and agreed to by the parties involved.

This proposed agreement ("Agreement") falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because both Professor Arul Chinnaiyan and Research Investigator Daniel Rhodes are employees of the University of Michigan ("University") and partial owners of Compendia. The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the executive officers and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote of the Regents of the University of Michigan.

Background:

Dr. Chinnaiyan and Daniel Rhodes are the partial owners of a for-profit company called Compendia, Inc. Compendia was formed recently to commercialize databases related to oncology, human protein interaction maps, and molecular concepts maps (all currently web-based applications). The University now wishes to enter into an Academic Partner Program Agreement with Compendia.

Nature of the Agreement:

The University of Michigan would like to enter into an Academic Partner Program Agreement with Compendia to advance research in Nephrology by extending Compendia's Oncomine model into other therapeutic areas, such as Nephrology. The Principal Investigator for the project at the University is Dr. Matthais Kretzler, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine. Dr. Kretzler has no financial or management interest in Compendia.

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the Agreement conform to University policy. The Agreement is a collaboration between the University and Compendia with the University sharing data and in turn gaining access to Compendia's database. No funding is being provided.

Impact of the Agreement:

The Agreement will allow Dr. Kretzler to contribute data and product development to the Nephromine database and Compendia will use its commercial resources to develop, support and operate the Nephromine system, which it intends to offer as a research version free to academic researchers.

Recommendations:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board. In light of this disclosure and our finding that the Agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the Academic Partner Program Agreement between the University and Compendia.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Forrest", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen Forrest
Vice President for Research

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