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“The January 2015 IPrime Nanoparticle Safety workshop was terrific. Every speaker provided information that was spot-on and cleared a few cobwebs from my brain. The discussions were rich, especially those led by Lesili Fatehi, Director, Initiative on Governance of Emerging Technological Systems, Humphrey School of Public Affairs.”

Sandra G. Wollschlager
Mgr Regulatory Affairs
3M Abrasive Systems Division
January 26, 2015

“Thank you all very much for your work and hospitality last week, making the IPrime Mid-Year Workshops so enjoyable and informative of us participants. I was able to attend the 2D Materials Workshop largely in whole, as well as roughly half of the Nanoparticles Workshop - and learned a great deal. I especially enjoyed the panel session portion of the program. Having the prepared questions from the moderator (Steve Koester) was great - and you did a nice job drawing the audience into the discussion over time. Thanks again - I appreciate your efforts.”

Matthew H. Frey
3M Corporate Research Materials Laboratory
January 21, 2015

“The Mid-year workshops look great! Can’t wait to attend and learn.”

Bill Theilacker
Medtronic
Senior Scientist
December 16, 2014

*“Bob Lewis & Chris Macosko
IPrime, University of Minnesota
421 Washington Avenue SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455*

September 25, 2014

Dear Bob & Chris,

I would like to express our appreciation for the support that we have received from the University of Minnesota’s IPrime organization. The RTP Company has been a member of IPrime since 2004 and this membership has provided us with numerous benefits over the last 10 years.

Being a compounder of engineered thermoplastic polymers, much of the research being carried out in IPrime’s Microstructured Polymers Program is directly applicable to the challenges we face every day when blending polymers with functional additives to meet the demands of our customers. We have found the IPrime faculty to be the leading researchers relating to polymer blends and polymer interfacial chemistry. They have been very approachable in consulting with and helping our company understand how to use their research to benefit our products.

Access to the University of Minnesota’s Characterization Facility through our IPrime membership allows our materials to be tested on state-of-the-art analytical equipment at very reasonable rates. And most importantly, being a member of IPrime has also allowed the RTP Company to have a much closer relationship with the students that are conducting research pertaining to our industry. These are the students that we have found very beneficial to hire to expand our technology.

Thanks for Your Support,



Steve Maki
Vice President Technology
RTP Company”

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“Membership in IPrime has also provided us with a stronger network into the University of MN research community. On a number of occasions, we have leveraged our IPrime network to gain access to faculty, students or lab capabilities for consultation or other project-related needs. Through IPrime contacts we have coordinated partnership efforts between Ecolab R&D associates and the broader resources at the University that otherwise would have been more difficult or complex. Several U of MN grad students have become full time Ecolab employees as a result of initial contact through IPrime channels. Bob Lewis has been a strong partner in our relationship with the University.”

Paul Christian
Ecolab, Director, R & D
September 25, 2014

“Thanks for organizing the IPRIME event. The meeting was great. Our company makes nearly 4000 different products serving a wide range of markets & the breadth of topics covered at IPRIME was quite relevant. The meeting offered a great opportunity to learn about cutting-edge research as well as have open one-on-one discussions with leading scientists researchers from universities and industry.”

Dr. Shriram Ramanathan
Evonik, Corporate Innovation Strategy & Management
June 9, 2014
