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Modern Day daVincis Gather in Boston

Lawrence, Kansas – The Association of Medical Illustrators (AMI), the oldest and largest international society of science visualization professionals, will convene in Massachusetts at the Boston Marriott Cambridge for its 61st Annual Conference, from August 2–6, 2006. The last time the AMI conference was held in Boston was 1949, giving way to this year’s theme of “reDiscover.”

Workshops, educational sessions, and prominent speakers will form the body of the conference program. Notables such as molecular sculptor Dr. Byron Rubin and Ben Fry of the Human Genome Project at the Broad Institute will explore the newest imaging technologies. Dr. Michael Yaremchuk, Director of Craniofacial Surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, will discuss craniofacial and cosmetic surgery. Digital art skills, business forums, and science updates will round out the offerings, along with a variety of social events.

“From the molecular world of the human genome to virtual surgery, this event should not be missed by anyone interested in understanding and teaching biomedical information,” notes Kip Carter, AMI president. “Boston and Cambridge are cities first in education, with some of the finest colleges and universities in the world. It really is the perfect setting to ‘reDiscover’ the passion we feel for our contribution to science and medicine.”

The AMI Salon, a juried exhibit featuring the world’s finest medical and biological art, is the centerpiece of the annual meeting and will be open to the public 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. from Thursday, August 3 to Saturday, August 5. The Salon art will be displayed in two locations in Cambridge: the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research at 100 Technology Square and The Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard at 7 Cambridge Center.

The Salon promises to be a riveting reminder that medical illustration today is about more than medical textbooks and encyclopedias. Contemporary medical artists are visual storytellers whose extraordinary images bring the latest advances in science, technology, and medicine to life.

For more information about **reDiscover Boston**, or to register for the full meeting or individual days, please visit <http://www.ami.org/2006>.



ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION OF
MEDICAL ILLUSTRATORS

Founded in 1945, the Association of Medical Illustrators is an international organization composed of medical illustrators, related professionals, and students of medical illustration. The association is dedicated to advancing the profession of medical illustration and supporting education, research and commerce in the biomedical sciences and health-related fields through the work of its members.

Meeting Highlights

Wednesday, August 2

• **Salon Opening Reception**, Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research

Thursday, August 3

• **Molecular Sculpture**, Dr. Byron Rubin
• **Illustrating the Human Genome**, Ben Fry, Broad Institute of MIT & Harvard

Friday, August 4

• **Smile Train Virtual Surgery**, Aaron Olikier, Virtual Surgery Laboratory at New York University Medical Center
• **A Dynamic Approach to Learning Respiratory Physiology**, Dr. Michael Parker, Harvard Medical School

Saturday, August 5

• **The Continuum of Cosmetic and Craniofacial Surgery**, Dr. Michael Yaremchuk, Massachusetts General Hospital
• **Vesalius Trust Auction & Reception**, Museum of Science

Sunday, August 6

• **The Dermatology Lexicon Project**, Dr. Art Papier and Glen Hintz, Rochester Institute of Health
• **Explaining the Unseen - WGBH Interactive**, Toby Bottorf, WGBH