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COMB Assistant Director Wins Regents' Highest Honor

Baltimore, MD—Today Clifford M. Kendall, Chair of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland, named UMBI's Richard L. Tysor as a 2006 Board of Regents University System Staff Award Winner. In a letter citing this achievement, Kendall wrote, "This is the highest award bestowed by the Board of Regents to recognize exemplary staff achievement." Tysor is Assistant Director of UMBI's Center of Marine Biotechnology.

Tysor's award is one of six bestowed by the University System Board of Regents this year. "Rick was selected for his professionalism and incredible success as an administrator of a large, complex research center," stated COMB Director Dr. Yonathan Zohar. "He works extremely well with our faculty and manages the administration of a program that includes significant grant awards while serving as an outstanding ambassador to so many COMB partners and stakeholders. He manages the logistics of a workforce that has grown to 150 members."

"Rick sets an extremely high standard," echoed UMBI President Dr. Jennie C. Hunter-Cevera. "Among all exempt employees in the USM system, he was selected for this award because of excellent service to his institution."

One of five centers forming UMBI and located in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, COMB researchers apply the tools of modern biology and biotechnology to study, protect and enhance marine and estuarine resources.

With research centers in Baltimore, Rockville, and College Park, the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute is the newest of 13 institutions forming the University System of Maryland. UMBI has 85 ladder-ranked faculty and a 2006 budget of \$60 million. Celebrating the institution's 20th year of service to Maryland and the world, UMBI is led by microbiologist and former biotechnology executive Dr. Jennie C. Hunter-Cevera. For more information visit www.umbi.umd.edu.

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