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SmithKline Beecham (Philadelphia, PA) has announced the appointment of **David Benton** as a director in the advanced information technology department of scientific and clinical systems, research and development. Dr. Benton was formerly program director, genome informatics at the NIH's National Human Genome Research Institute.

Vertex Pharmaceuticals (Cambridge, MA) has announced that **Joshua Boger** has been named chairman of the board of directors. He succeeds **Benno Schmidt**, who retired as chairman of the board in March 1997. Dr. Boger, Vertex's founder, will continue his role as president and CEO of Vertex. Dr. Boger also serves as chairman of the board of directors for Altus Biologics, a subsidiary of Vertex, and as a member of the board of directors of Millennium Pharmaceuticals.

GelTex Pharmaceuticals (Waltham, MA) has named **J. Richard Crout** to the board of directors. Dr. Crout has previously been director of the bureau of drugs at the US Food and Drug Administration as well as vice president of medical and scientific affairs at Boehringer Mannheim.

Dino Dina has been named president of Dynavax Technologies (San Diego, CA). Dr. Dina previously served as president of Chiron Vaccines.

Robert R. Fike has been named vice president of R&D and chief scientific officer of Epic Therapeutics (Norwood, MA). Dr. Fike joins the company from Hoechst Marion Roussel, where he served as vice president and global project leader.

Irwin Lerner has been named chairman of the board of directors of Medarex (Annandale, NJ). He has been a member of the board since 1995, and had just recently retired from his positions as chairman of the board and chairman of the executive committee of Hoffmann-LaRoche. He was president and CEO of Hoffmann-LaRoche from 1980 to 1992.

NitroMed (Boston, MA) has announced the promotion of **L. Gordon Letts** to senior vice president and chief scientific officer. Dr. Letts has served as vice president of research at NitroMed since 1993.

Trega Biosciences (San Diego, CA) has announced the appointment of **Jeremy M. Levin** and **Anders Wiklund** to the company's board of directors. Dr. Levin is the CEO, president, and chairman of Cadus Pharmaceutical. Mr. Wiklund is a senior vice president of Biacore Holding.

Mitotix has announced that **Vicki Sato** and **Anthony Evin** have joined the company's board of directors. Dr. Sato is currently senior vice president of R&D, CSO, and chair of the scientific advisory board at Vertex Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Evin is a general partner at Venrock Associates, a founding investor in Mitotix.

Dale A. Smith has joined Biometric Imaging's (Mountain View, CA) board of directors. He served as group vice president for Baxter International until his retirement in 1995.

Molecular Applications Group (Palo Alto, CA)

has appointed **Myra Nicol Williams** as president and CEO. Dr. Williams was most recently vice president and worldwide director of R&D information resources for Glaxo Wellcome. The move coincides with the company's newly broadened business mandate to emphasize bioinformatics software tools.

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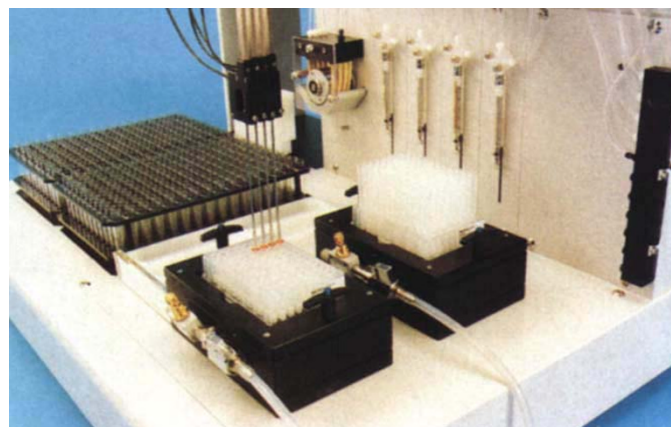
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