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Dr. Richard K. Koehn, the author of more than 100 scientific articles and co-editor of *The Evolution of Genes and Proteins*, was professor of Ecology and Evolution at the State University of New York at Stony Brook (1970-92) where he was also Dean of Biological Sciences (1978-88) and Founding Director of the Center for Advanced Biomedical Biotechnology for New York State (1983-92). Dr. Koehn was the Vice President for Research at the University of Utah (1992-00). He was President and CEO of Salus Therapeutics, Inc., an oncology drug company acquired in 2003 by Genta, Inc, for which he worked for nearly a year. As co-founder, President and CEO of Sentrx Surgical, Inc. (2004-05), he successfully negotiated a major investment by a syndicate of leading Bay area venture groups, resulting in the formation of three separate companies. He recently retired as President and CEO of one of these, Sentrx Animal Care, a twelve-year old medical device company in the veterinary medicine sector that sells products in 19 countries. With partners, several products for the human markets are under development.

Dr. Koehn has been a member of the board of directors of many organizations, including the Council on Biotechnology, the Association of Biotechnology Companies, the Long Island Forum for Technology, the Long Island High Technology Incubator Management Corporation, the New York Biotechnology Association, the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research at Cornell University, the Organization of Tropical Studies in Costa Rica, the Advisory Council to the Vice-Chair of the New York Legislative Commission on Science and Technology and the Commission on Biomedical Research of the New York Academy of Medicine. He was co-founder and director of the second biotechnology incubator in the U.S., as well as the N.Y. Biotechnology Assoc. In Utah, he served 8 years on the Governor's Council on Science and Technology, and as president of the University of Utah Research Foundation, Inc. He is past chair of the board of trustees of the Association of Western Universities, a past member of the executive committee of the Council on Research Policy and Graduate Education of NASULGC. He has been a member of the Investment Advisory Board/LP of Utah (Pelion) Ventures, funds II-V, InterWest Partners VI and UpStart Ventures. He is a past director of Ballet West, chair of the board of the Utah Life Sciences Industry Association, a director of the Utah Technology Council, and is presently a director of the Alberta Henry Educational Foundation, Oceanites Foundation and NeoMatrix Therapeutics, Inc. He chairs the Presidential Advisory Board for technology commercialization at the University of Utah, where he is Vice-President Emeritus.

Dr. Koehn has lectured on evolutionary genetics, the biotechnology industry, entrepreneurial universities, the responsible conduct of scientific research, and veterinary medical issues in more than 20 countries. He has been a Guggenheim Fellow, a NATO Senior Science Fellow, a National Institutes of Health Career Development Fellow, a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the recipient of a number of awards for leadership in the New York biotechnology industry. In 1991, he

was recipient of the "Entrepreneur of the Year"® award from Ernst & Young/Merrill Lynch/ Inc. Magazine. In 1997, he was awarded a gold Aurora for the production of "Learning Through Discovery", a KUED public television series on student involvement in research. In 2001, he was recognized as a distinguished alumnus by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences of Arizona State University. Koehn was awarded the 2005 Utah Governor's Medal in Science and Technology for his contributions to the Utah life sciences community. Most recently, he was recognized as a distinguished alumnus of Western Michigan University.