



## On The Prowl: The Research Review

November 2021

### UWMRF New Board Chair

#### **Mike Anderes is new Chair for the Research Foundation Board of Directors**

Jacqueline Fredrick recently completed her term as the UWM Research Foundation Board of Directors' Chair on November 9, after serving for two years. We are deeply grateful for her years of service on the board and look forward to her continued support as immediate past chair.

Newly elected Chair, [Michael Anderes](#) PT, MBA, FACHE, has begun his term after serving as Vice Chair under Ms. Fredrick. Mr. Anderes is the chief innovation and digital health officer for Froedtert Health and president of [Inception Health](#). Inception Health is a digital technology company working to improve the health of individuals and communities. The company is bringing together the best aspects of innovation accelerators, an "outside-in" mindset, and resources to rapidly test and scale digital health solutions. We look forward to Mr. Anderes' strategic leadership and insights over the next two years.



Mike Anderes.

### UWMRF Networking

#### **Proud supporters of two UWMRF licensees presenting at WTC**

The UWMRF team had the opportunity to attend the [Wisconsin Early Stage Symposium](#) hosted by the Wisconsin Tech Council (WTC) in Madison at the beautiful Monona Terrace, Nov. 3-4. More than 350



Erin Puro, Transfer Associate and Jessica Silvaggi, Vice President

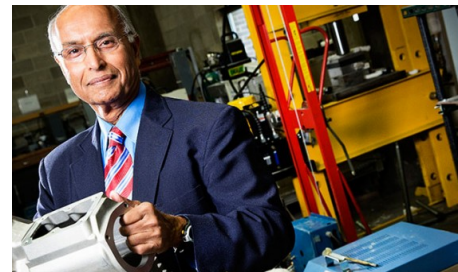
people attended the conference including UWMRF's licensees COnovate [www.conovateinc.com](http://www.conovateinc.com) and Estrigenix Therapeutics, [www.estrigenix.com](http://www.estrigenix.com) who presented their 5-minute startup pitches along with 21 other companies. Attendees also included 23 companies hailing from 14 cities throughout Wisconsin, and over 40 early-stage investment groups. Jessica is a current board member of the WTC and was a panelist during the session titled "How to navigate campus innovation in Wisconsin: What investors and companies should know".

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## Exciting New Technologies

### Improving Corrosion Resistance on Metals & Alloys

**Professor Pradeep Rohatgi** and his team have developed an alternative approach to improve corrosion resistance on common metal industrial components. Wear and corrosion of metal parts, especially mild steel used in the water industry is a growing concern and can lead to tremendous loss of the steel pieces. Although alloying of mild steel and coatings are a viable solution for corrosion resistance, they are cost prohibitive, can be toxic, and have shown low durability in water. Rohatgi's method enables coating during the casting process itself, significantly reducing the total cost and time. UWMRF has filed a U.S utility patent application licensed by a water company member of the UWM water equipment and policy center (WEP).



Dr. Pradeep Rohatgi serves as a UWM Distinguished Professor and Director of the UWM Center for Advanced Materials Manufacture at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

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