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**Ravi Bellamkonda Serving as President-Elect of AIMBE**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—The *American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE)* Board of Directors welcomed Dr. Ravi Bellamkonda, Ph.D. as its new President-Elect at AIMBE's 2013 Annual Event in Washington, DC, on February 17, 2013. Dr. Bellamkonda will begin his term as AIMBE President at the conclusion of AIMBE's 2014 Annual Event.

Dr. Bellamkonda is Professor, Carol Ann and David D. Flanagan Chair in Biomedical Engineering, GCC Distinguished Scholar, and Associate Vice President for Research at the Wallace H. Coulter Dept. of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech and Emory University.

Dr. Bellamkonda's areas of research include: Neural Tissue Engineering, Targeted Drug Delivery for Brain Tumor Therapy, Peripheral & Central Nerve Regeneration, Electrode-Brain Interfaces, Long circulating contrast agents, and Polymeric Biomaterials.

Prior to joining Georgia Tech, Dr. Bellamkonda was a Markey Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, at M.I.T. Dr. Bellamkonda was awarded his Ph.D. from Brown University in 1994.

His various awards include: Secretarial Appointee, VA Rehabilitation Merit Review Board, Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scholar, and 'Best Professor' Award conferred by the undergraduate student body of the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology/Emory University.

Dr. Bellamkonda was inducted as an AIMBE Fellow in 2006 and served on AIMBE's board as Vice President, At-Large before being elected to President-Elect.

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