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**TREAT and RESNA HOST DEVELOPER'S FORUM  
AT 2011 FICCDAT CONFERENCE IN TORONTO**

Lebanon, NH- May 7, 2011 – The Center for Translation of Rehabilitation Engineering Advances and Technology (TREAT) is a multidisciplinary, multi-institutional, collaborative consortium [funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)] among corporate, educational and non-profit entities that provides infrastructure support and expert consultation to researchers and innovators interested in the translation and commercialization of rehabilitation research applications. TREAT provides services including technology assessment, intellectual property evaluation, concept prototyping and testing, market evaluation, and clinical trials development to enable product solutions for rehabilitation technology. TREAT funds small pilot projects, provides onsite and web-based training and education modules, and offers direct technical and consulting services for rehabilitation researchers.

TREAT has partnered with Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA) to host a developer's forum at this year's FICCDAT conference. The Developers Forum is an opportunity for inventors and manufacturers of computer and communication technology to demonstrate new products in an informal setting along with other manufacturers, practitioners and end-users. It is also an excellent opportunity for developer's to receive expert feedback on emerging products. The forum is held annually during the RESNA Conference and will be held this year at the FICCDAT 2011 conference of which RESNA is a part. New and small companies may find the Developers Forum to be an excellent avenue to reach members of their target market.

This year's Developers Forum will be held at the Sheraton Centre Toronto on Monday, June 6, 2011 from 7-9 pm and is open to all RESNA and FICCDAT conference attendees.

"TREAT is excited to partner with RESNA in this innovative forum," stated Joshua Nelson, the Program manager for TREAT. "The Developer's Forum is a great opportunity for TREAT to continue to be an advocate for developing new technologies in rehabilitation engineering and assistive technologies. We also hope to be introduced to up and coming developers that may be interested in taking advantage of the resources that TREAT has to offer."

"This is the first step in what we hope is a long partnership with TREAT," stated RESNA President, Jerry Weisman. "The purpose of RESNA is to contribute to the public welfare through scientific, professional and educational activities by supporting the development, dissemination, and utilization of knowledge and practice of rehabilitation and assistive technology. TREAT helps us do that."

For more information, please visit <http://www.simbex.com/TREAT> or <http://www.resna.org/>.

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**RESNA, the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America**, is the premier professional organization that represents people working in the field of technology solutions for people with disabilities. Its multidisciplinary membership brings together researchers, practitioners, educators, manufacturers, consumers, and policy advocates working with every type of AT imaginable.

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