

## **ICAMR Named 2015 National Academy of Inventors Institutional Member**

Kissimmee, FL, March 1, 2016 - The International Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing Research (ICAMR) been named a 2015 National Academy of Inventors Institutional Member.

The distinction recognizes the unique spot in the marketplace the industry-led ICAMR Consortium is filling, said CEO Chester Kennedy. "Being affiliated with strong advocates of innovation like the NAI is a strong statement relative to our intent to partner with the nation's leading innovators," he said.

Institutional members are recognized as supporting the 582 total NAI Fellows who represent more than 190 research universities and governmental and non-profit research institutes. The 168 Fellows inducted for 2015 account for 5,368 issued U.S. patents, bringing the collective patents held by all NAI Fellows to more than 20,000.

ICAMR joins 18 Florida institutions, primarily research universities and centers, in supporting the NAI.

The NAI was founded in 2010 by Paul R. Sanberg at the University of South Florida. Its mission is to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate and mentor innovative students, and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society.

ICAMR, led by its industry partners, is developing platforms for the manufacture of the next-generation of silicon wafers for use in photonics and smart sensor applications, said Chester Kennedy, CEO. ICAMR was established in 2014 by stakeholders including Osceola County, the University of Central Florida, The Florida High Tech Corridor Council, University of Florida, University of South Florida and Florida International University.

Those elected to the rank of NAI Fellow are named inventors on U.S. patents and were nominated by their peers for outstanding contributions to innovation in areas such as patents and licensing, innovative discovery and technology, significant impact on society, and support and enhancement of innovation.

Fellows will be inducted on April 15, as part of the Fifth Annual Conference of the National Academy of Inventors at the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). USPTO Commissioner for Patents Andrew Hirshfeld will provide the keynote address for the induction ceremony.

*The National Academy of Inventors is a 501(c)(3) non-profit member organization comprising U.S. and international universities, and governmental and non-profit research institutes, with over 3,000 individual inventor members and Fellows spanning more than 200 institutions, and growing rapidly. It was founded in 2010 to recognize and encourage inventors with patents*

*issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate and mentor innovative students, and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society. The NAI offices are located in the University of South Florida Research Park. The NAI edits the multidisciplinary journal, Technology and Innovation, published by Cognizant Communication Corporation (NY). [www.academyofinventors.org](http://www.academyofinventors.org)*

*The International Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing Research (ICAMR) is the world's first industry-led consortium (501.c.6 non-profit) for the manufacturing of advanced smart sensors and integrated devices. [www.icamr.net](http://www.icamr.net).*

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