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**CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON, PH.D., DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH'S SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING AND IMAGING INSTITUTE, AWARDED THE ROSENBLATT PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE**

*Dr. Johnson receives the University's most prestigious award for excellence in teaching, research, and administrative efforts.*

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 10, 2010 – Numira is proud to join the rest of the University of Utah's community in congratulating Christopher Johnson, Ph.D. as recipient of the Rosenblatt Prize for Excellence, the University's most prestigious award. Dr. Johnson was honored during the University's commencement ceremonies.

Dr. Johnson is the Director of the Scientific Computing and Imaging (SCI) Institute, a permanent research institute at the University of Utah that is now home to over 160 faculty, students, and staff. Under Dr. Johnson's leadership, the SCI Institute has established itself as an internationally recognized leader in visualization, scientific computing, and image analysis. The overarching research objective at SCI is to create new scientific computing techniques, tools, and systems that enable solutions to problems affecting various aspects of human life. A core focus of the Institute has been biomedicine, but SCI Institute researchers also solve challenging computational and imaging problems in such disciplines as geophysics, combustion, molecular dynamics, fluid dynamics, and atmospheric dispersion.

Dr. Johnson was also co-founder of Visual Influence Inc., a spin-out company from the University that was acquired by Numira in 2007. Since the acquisition, Numira has established a strong collaborative relationship with SCI and has worked on several joint visualization and image analysis projects with the Institute.

### **ABOUT NUMIRA**

Numira is a specialty contract research organization (CRO) that provides powerful imaging solutions for researchers attempting to answer questions related to the onset and progression of disease, drug efficacy, and drug safety in animal models. Through the combination of proprietary stains, high performance visualization software, and MicroCT scanners, we offer a dramatic change in how anatomical data is captured, visualized, and analyzed.

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