

The **Martin Sinacore Outstanding Young Investigator Award** was established by ECI and Biogen Idec to pay tribute to the many contributions Marty Sinacore made to the cell culture and bioprocessing community over the course of his productive thirty year career. Tragically, Marty's life was cut short as the result of injuries he sustained from a bike accident in the autumn of 2012. Although we have lost an influential thought leader, his influence will be felt for years to come given the role Marty played in shaping the way we approach the challenge of developing new therapeutics. Working with pre-adapted host cells, high throughput analytics to enable product quality assessments early in cell line development and the adoption of "omics" technology to improve bioprocessing are common place today thanks in part to the innovative vision Marty brought to the field over the years.



Beyond being a productive scientist, Marty will also be remembered for his genuine warmth and ability to connect with people of all types. He was deeply committed to working collaboratively and breaking down barriers so that common problems could be effectively solved. To this end, he formed the MassBio Upstream Process Development Forum to provide a venue in which the Boston bioprocessing community could come together and share ideas.

His true passion however was sharing his knowledge, experiences and insights with junior scientists to help them grapple with challenging problems and grow as scientists. It is with this spirit in mind that the award has been created; to not only celebrate the immeasurable impact Marty's mentorship has had on the careers of many young scientists but also acknowledge the accomplishments and exceptional promise of the recipients.