

Announcement of Dr. Haro Hartounian as Affiliated Faculty in the Department of Chemistry and Environmental Science

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Haro Hartounian has been appointed Affiliated Faculty in the Department of Chemistry and Environmental Science (CES).



Dr. Hartounian is responsible for leading the Biopharma Division at the New Jersey Innovation Institute (NJII). He works with colleagues in industry and academia to help biopharmaceutical companies improve their speed in transforming discovery into commercial production. He engineered the launch of NJIT's Cell and Gene Therapy Development Center, the only facility of its kind in Newark, NJ and the first such center on a university campus anywhere in the United States. He also partnered with Kevin Belfield and CES in the creation of NJIT's new Professional Master's Degree Program in Cell and Gene Therapy Sciences and associated graduate certificate.

Dr. Hartounian has nearly 30 years of experience in the biotechnology industry working for large and mid-size biopharmaceutical companies, including DuPont, Monsanto, SkyePharma and Vyteris. He played an instrumental role in two FDA-approved product launches - DepoCyt, and DepoMorphine - and served as the chief executive officer and board member of two public and two private biopharmaceutical companies. He also founded three biopharmaceutical companies - MicroIslet, Protagenic Therapeutics, and DiaVacs.

His past roles include securing funding, manufacturing, product and process development, business development and alliance management, strategic planning and partnering transactions. Specific product lines and indications have included cell therapy, diabetes, CNS disorders, oncology, women's health, pain management and drug delivery.

Dr. Hartounian is an adjunct associate professor of Chemical Engineering at Columbia University, and earned his Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Delaware.

As mentioned above, Dr. Hartounian has been partnering with the department in developing programs in the rapidly emerging area of Cell and Gene Therapy Sciences, a field that is critically important to the State of New Jersey's biopharmaceutical industry. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Dr. Hartounian!

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