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UT's Bob Metcalfe Speaks on Innovation at The Austin Forum
Dr. Metcalfe featured at Austin's Premier Speaker Series & Networking Event: Oct 4, 2011

AUSTIN, Texas – September 30, 2011 -- The University of Texas at Austin's Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) and the Center for Lifelong Engineering Education (CLEE) are proud sponsors of The Austin Forum speaker series. Join us on October 4th, when Dr. Bob Metcalfe will discuss "Innovating with University Startups" at the AT&T Conference Center. The event is free and open to anyone with an interest in learning about improving the world with innovation driven by university startups.

The Austin Forum is a monthly speaker series and networking event that hosts distinguished leaders who share their knowledge and experience about the confluence of science, technology and society in the 21st century. The Forum's goal is to engage and educate the Austin community about the numerous ways in which science and technology enhance the quality of their everyday life, as well as the health, prosperity and security of the nation. The event takes place the first Tuesday of each month.

Dr. Metcalfe is a professor of innovation and fellow of the Clint W. Murchison Sr. Chair of Free Enterprise based in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at The University of Texas at Austin's Cockrell School of Engineering. He has been a general partner of Polaris Venture Partners since 2001 and continues to advise the Massachusetts-based firm as a venture partner. During the 1980s, Metcalfe founded and grew the billion-dollar computer networking company, 3Com Corp., which merged with Hewlett-Packard in 2010. In the 1970s, he worked in the Computer Science Laboratory of the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center, where he invented today's local-area networking standard, Ethernet, for which he received the National Medal of Technology.

"We are delighted to be able to sponsor The Austin Forum and introduce an energizing innovator like Dr. Metcalfe – who has an amazing passion for creating companies" said Cath Polito, Executive Director for the Center for Lifelong Engineering Education at the University of Texas at Austin's Cockrell School of Engineering. "Prepare to be inspired, motivated, and more importantly enlightened on the ideal ecosystem for new business."

For More Information: http://www.austinforum.org/speakers/metcalfe.html

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