

# MIRTHE Investment Focus Group



## **MIRTHE** Investment Focus Group:

- ❖ **IS** a network of professional and angel investors seeking opportunities emerging from MIRTHE mid-infrared technologies and related applications
- ❖ **WILL** provide introductions to promising start-ups, established technology businesses, and large end-users
- ❖ **SERVES** as a window with input into development of MIRTHE's Mid-IR technologies and applications roadmap
- ❖ **NOT** an investment fund, but could serve as a spring-board for those firms interested in Mid-IR business formation and growth, as well as attractive new product commercialization opportunities

## **Mission:**

- Introduction of venture capital, angel and other investment professionals related to mid-infrared technologies and applications opportunities
- Exposure to MIRTHE small and large company members
- Opportunities to nurture MIRTHE related start-ups
- Joint assessment of technology readiness and approaches to commercialization

## **Board members:**

Mort Collins (Battelle Ventures); Co-Chair

Ralph Taylor-Smith (Battelle Ventures); Co-Chair

Maxine Ballen (New Jersey Technology Council)

Kathleen Coviello (NJEDA)

John Dexheimer (LightWave Advisors Inc.)

Karla Ewalt (Office of the Dean for Research, Princeton University)

Debbie Hart (BioNJ)

Randy Harmon (NJSBDC)

Cornelia Huellstrunk (Keller Center, Princeton University)

Eric Kutner (Princeton Entrepreneurs Network)

Michael Lucca (The Incubation Factory)

Mark V. Laurenzi (RedScript Ventures LLC)

Steven Lorenzet (Kean University)

Tom Melzer (RiverVest Venture Partners)

Joseph Michels (One Equity Partners)

Lawrence Newman (Rider University).

Gregory H. Olsen (GHO Ventures)

Katherine O'Neill (Jumpstart NJ Angel Network)

Cole Van Nice (Chart Venture Partners)

John Weaver (Princeton Entrepreneurs' Network)

Richard White (Silicon Valley Bank)

## **Meeting frequency\*:**

Twice a year, and one or two meetings in association with other MIRTHE events, including specific industry sector highlights

\*Meeting option: in person or via web/teleconferencing