Election to NAI Fellow status is a high professional distinction accorded to academic inventors who have demonstrated a highly prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development, and the welfare of society. Nominees are inducted at the annual meeting.

The National Academy of Inventors has named Dr. Joachim Kohn, PhD. The Director of the New Jersey Center for Biomaterials at Rutgers University as a Fellow of the Academy in recognition to his contributions to biomaterials and regenerative medicine.

The National Academy of Inventors, which was founded three years ago, announced its 2013 fellows on Dec. 10. They include 143 inventors who collectively hold more than 5,600 U.S. Patents. Among them are 69 members of the National Academies, six recipients of the U.S. National Medal of Technology and Innovation, and nine Nobel Laureates.

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