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MediWales Innovation Awards Winners 2010

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Congratulations to all MediWales Innovation Awards winners and thank you to all our guests, who made the evening such a resounding success!

A special thank you to our Events Sponsors GE Healthcare, Cardiff University School of Medicine's Innovation and Engagement department, and Geldards LLP for their generous support.

Kicking off at 7pm, 200 of our most valued members and stakeholders sipped champagne in front of the Christmas tree at Cardiff's Hilton Hotel.

In partnership with Welsh Assembly Government's National Institute for Social Care and Health Research (NISCHR), the evening celebrated the remarkable innovations within both Welsh Industry and NHS organisations.

The Industry Innovation Award was won by MedaphorLtd, for developing their ScanTrainer simulator, an advanced virtual ultrasound training systems for the healthcare service. This award was sponsored by BIC Innovation Ltd.

The Industry Start-up Award was won by Vital Smile Systems Ltd, for its non-invasive, painless, pulp vitality tester, which aims to increase dentist productivity, improve their patient care, and create new profit for them. This award was sponsored by Swansea University's Institute of Life Science.

The Industry Export Award was won by ChromogenexLtd. In the last year they have achieved over 80% increase in export sales. They have appointed new distributors in Hong Kong, Australia, Argentina, Chile, USA, Canada and achieved FDA approval for their iLipo Laser product. This award was sponsored by Norgine Ltd.

Chromogenex Ltd also received a second Award in the Growth category, recognising their outstanding financial growth within the last financial year. Chromogenex designs, develops and manufactures laser and light based systems for medical and cosmetic applications such as acne, psoriasis, skin rejuvenation, hair removal, and non-invasive fat reduction and vascular lesions. This award was sponsored by Teamworks Design Ltd.

The Industry Partnership with the NHS Award was won by HomeTelehealthLtd, for their collaboration with the Tenovus cancer charity, Welsh Local Health Boards and Cardiff University School of Medicine to deliver new, mobile and innovative community based cancer services. This award was sponsored by Abel and Imray trade mark and patent attorneys.

The Industry Judges' Award was presented to ConvaTec manufacturing and global R&D facilities in Deeside for their overall outstanding contribution to the Welsh Life Science sector. ConvaTec employs 600 people in Wales at sites in Deeside in the North and Rhymney in the South Wales Valleys. The Company's UK operations boast a turnover of £238,000,000.

For the second year running, MediWales has collaborated with NISCHR to celebrate the successes within Welsh NHS departments, forming three NHS categories:

The Innovation within the NHS Award was presented to the Respiratory Unit, Prince Philip Hospital and the CDM Team, Hywel Dda LHB. The winning project tested the feasibility and safety of home telemonitoring for COPD in a semi-rural environment. This award was sponsored by Wynne-Jones, Lainé & James LLP.

The Psychiatry Dept at University Hospital Wales, Cardiff and Vale University LHB, was awarded the NHS Partnership with Industry Award for their collaboration with the Healthcare Learning Company Ltd and the Manic Depression Fellowship in Wales. They have developed a novel internet-based educational treatment for bipolar disorder called "Beating Bipolar". This award was sponsored by Urquhart-Dykes & Lord LLP.

The last award – the NHS Judges' Award - was won by the Histopathology Dept, Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Cwm Taf LHB for their 'pro algin' model of a breast tissue specimen developed to enhance training to illustrate typical 3D patterns of malignancy.

Congratulations to all. We very much look forward to working with you all in the year to come.

Best wishes,

The MediWales Team

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