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Philadelphia Business Journal Life Sciences Awards winners named

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The Philadelphia Business Journal is proud to present the inaugural winners of the Life Sciences Awards, a new program that recognizes the region's medical miracle makers for their innovative approaches to improving the delivery of health care.

Winners are listed below in alphabetical order.

Nominations were sought between June 9 and Aug. 3 through Business Journal promotions with assistance from BioAdvance and the University City Science Center. The program was launched in sponsorship with the University of the Sciences and partners Pennsylvania Bio and **Safeguard Scientifics**.

An independent panel of judges from leading universities in the state selected the finalists. The judges were: Michael Cleare, associate vice provost for research and executive director of the Center for Technology Transfer at the University of Pennsylvania; Marc Malandro, associate vice chancellor for technology management and commercialization at the University of Pittsburgh; and John R. Taylor, industrial liaison for the corporate life science programs at Lehigh University.

In addition, judges bestowed special honors on an individual and a company for their unique contributions to the life sciences industry. The Judges' Choice Award went to **Centocor R&D Inc.** for excellence in research, development and commercialization of therapeutics; and to Timothy M. Block, president of the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center.

Winners will be honored at an awards breakfast on Sept. 29 at the Crystal Tea Room in the Wanamaker Building, where they will learn their rankings. They will also be profiled in a special print supplement on Oct. 1.

2010 LIFE SCIENCES AWARD WINNERS (in alphabetical order)

Judges' Choice — Company Centocor R&D Inc.

Judges' Choice — **Individual** Timothy M. Block, president, Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center.

Life Sciences CEO of the Year Jeff Hatfield, Vitae Pharmaceuticals. Dr. J. Joseph Kim, Inovio Pharmaceuticals. Craig H. Scott, TargetRx. Bruce Shook, Neuronetics. Daniel M. Skovronsky, Avid Radiopharmaceuticals.

Local Venture Impact Award BioAdvance. Safeguard Scientifics.

Best Local Research-Based Company Avid Radiopharmaceuticals. Inovio Pharmaceuticals Inc. PhaseBio Pharmaceuticals.

Serial Life Sciences Entrepreneur David W. Anderson, Gentis Inc. Hal S. Broderson, Rock Hill Ventures. Maria L. Maccecchini, QR Pharma Inc.

Early Stage Company ProgenyHealth Inc. QR Pharma Inc. Vicept Therapeutics Inc.

Best Incubator Company Avid Radiopharmaceuticals. Integral Molecular. Sure BioChem Laboratories.

Best Incubator Graduate Inovio Pharmaceuticals Inc. Morphotek Inc.

Best Consultant (Early Stage) Kathleen Czupich, Artemis Solutions. Kathleen Shay, Duane Morris. Joanne R. Soslow, Morgan Lewis & Bockius.

Best Consultant (Later Stage) Michael S. Harrington, Fox Rothschild. James R. Staiger, Blank Rome. Randall B. Sunberg, Morgan Lewis & Bockius.