



Jerome Konecsni, President and CEO of Genome Prairie and Dr. Martin Godbout, President and CEO of Genome Canada, are pleased to congratulate Dr. Lorne Babiuk on receiving the prestigious 2005 Prix Galien Canada Research Award.

The Prix Galien Canada Research Award is judged by an eight-person jury of leading university and industrial scientists in the innovative pharmaceutical field across Canada, and recognizes outstanding research in the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of disease.

Dr. Babiuk is director of the University of Saskatchewan's Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO) and co-leader of the Genome Prairie and Genome Canada-funded Functional Pathogenomics of Mucosal Immunity (FPMI) project, which uses genomics techniques to focus on understanding immunity to infectious diseases and how it may be enhanced.

The award was presented to Dr. Babiuk in recognition for his research into the mechanisms by which infectious organisms cause disease and mammals respond to infection. Understanding these mechanisms can lead to new treatments and prevention strategies for both human and animal infections.

The Prix Galien gold medal and plaque was presented to Dr. Babiuk at a gala ceremony in Montreal on November 16.

Genome Prairie and Genome Canada are very proud to support Dr. Babiuk's ground-breaking research. His vision and dedication have the potential to improve the lives of Canadians, and people around the world – and to increase our ability to prevent and treat animal and human infection in a new and powerful manner.



Please join us in congratulating Dr. Babiuk on this well-deserved honour.

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