

AWARDS RECOGNISE YOUNG ACHIEVER AND INDUSTRY LEADER IN BIOSCIENCE

BioSA has presented its awards recognising South Australian scientists' contributions to bioscience and technology.

The awards were announced at the BioSA Welcome Reception for the AusBiotech Business Development Forum, held in Glenelg, Adelaide. The presentation was conducted by the Honourable Grace Portolesi, Minister for Science and Information Economy and Mr Graham Walters, BioSA board member.

Inaugurated in 2007, the BioSA Bioscience Achievement Awards recognise those in the community who have made an important contribution to the development of South Australia's bioscience sector.

Mr Walters said that the calibre of the nominees this year was outstanding and that it was difficult to select a winner, "however the two recipients are not only the best in the South Australian bioscience sector they are current and future leading lights in their fields," he said.

Winner of the Industry Leader Award:

Mr Victor Previn, BE founded Ellex Medical Lasers Ltd and has been its Chairman since July 2005 and also its Technical Director since February 2005. He has been an Executive Director of Ellex Medical Lasers Ltd since July 16, 2001.

He developed the proprietary technology involved in the development of an ophthalmic laser for eye surgery, a product being produced today by Ellex Medical Lasers, now a listed company on the Australian stock exchange. There are over 15,000 units of this product installed in surgeries and hospitals all over the world.

Mr Previn's relentless energy and enthusiasm has helped shape the course of many companies: Quentron Optics, Laserex Ltd, Laserex Technologies, Laserex Systems, Ellex Medical Lasers Ltd, Ellex Inc [USA], Ellex Japan, Your Amigo and Thereitis.

He was an active member of the State Government Manufacturing Consultative Committee who advised the government on strategies for growth and sustainability in the manufacturing sector .

Winner of the Young Achievers Award:

Dr Sheehan is Principal Scientist for Screening Technologies at TGR Biosciences and led the R&D for TGR's advanced protein detection technologies that are attracting major international attention.

Dr Sheehan has contributed to company strategy and his leadership has resulted in collaborations, commercial grant applications, development of intellectual property and technology commercialisation.



About BioSA

BioSA was established by the South Australian Government in 2001 to foster the growth of the local bioscience and related industries. Since this time, BioSA has seen the number of companies and jobs in the industry double through the implementation of a strategy focused on 3 key objectives:

- Providing access to capital and other financing, including growing the availability of venture capital
- Growing the physical infrastructure available to the industry to enable companies to spend their funds on product development rather than facilities
- Providing business development, marketing assistance and effective networks

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