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HEADLINE: Greater Baltimore Committee to Announce Winners of 2009 Maryland Bioscience Awards at Ceremonies on March 12

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BALTIMORE, March 10 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The following release is being issued by the **Greater Baltimore Committee**:

WHO:

Donald C. Fry, president & CEO, **Greater Baltimore Committee**

150 company owners, executives and researchers from the Baltimore-area bioscience community

WHAT:

The 2009 Maryland Bioscience Awards

WHEN:

Thursday, March 12, 2009

8:00 a.m. / Breakfast & Registration

8:45 – 9:45 a.m. / Awards Program

WHERE:

Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, 202 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

DETAILS:

More than 150 leaders from Maryland's bioscience industry and research community will attend a breakfast at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel to honor winners of the **Greater Baltimore Committee's** 2009 Bioscience Awards.

This is the fourth annual awards event presented by the **Greater Baltimore Committee**, the region's most prominent organization of business and civic leaders, to recognize outstanding achievements in Maryland's bioscience industry. The **Greater Baltimore Committee** has made support for the emerging bioscience industry in the region one of its top long-term priorities.

Award winners will be selected from 18 nominations submitted by businesses, bioscience advocates, higher education institutions and government officials.

Awards will be presented in the following categories: Best New Product or Progress, Leadership in Bioscience, Entrepreneurial Spirit, and President's Award.

Nominees for this year's awards are:

Best New Product or Progress Award

— Kris Appel, founder and president, Encore Path, Inc. — Kerrie L. Brady, COO, Arcion Therapeutics Inc., and CEO, Traxion Therapeutics, Inc. — Dr. Kimberly Brown, CEO, Amethyst Technologies, LLC — Dr. George Falus, president, Biomedica Management Corporation — Fred E. Festa, chairman, president and CEO, W.R. Grace & Company — Dr. C. Randal Mills, president and CEO, Osiris Therapeutics, Inc. — Dr. Bruce Thompson, chairman of the board and president, Clinical Trials and Surveys Corp. (C-TASC)

Leadership in Bioscience Award

— Dr. Claire M. Fraser-Liggett, professor of medicine, director, Institute for Genome Sciences, University of Maryland School of Medicine — Vinita Gupta, president, Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. — Karen Olsen, CEO, BioMarker Strategies, LLC

Entrepreneurial Spirit Award

— Dr. Atul Bedi, co-founder, IATRICa, Inc. — Kerrie L. Brady, COO, Arcion Therapeutics Inc., and CEO, Traxion Therapeutics, Inc. — Dr. Marco Chacon, president and CEO, Paragon Bioservices, Inc. — Dr. Suzanne Sysko Clough, founder and chief medical officer, WellDoc Communications, Inc. — Karen Olsen, CEO, BioMarker Strategies, LLC

President's Award

— Wesley D. Blakeslee, executive director, Johns Hopkins Technology Transfer — Ellen J. Hemmerly, executive director, UMBC Research Park Corporation and founder, ACTiVATE(R) — Kathleen O'Donnell Weiss, executive director, The BioTechnical Institute of Maryland, Inc.

Program sponsor for the event is DLA Piper. Patron sponsors are Katz Abosch and PhRMA. Media sponsors are The Daily Record and The Gazette of Politics and Business.

To attend and cover this event, contact: Gene Bracken, 410-727-2820, x33

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