

ENDOSENSE Winner of the Life Sciences Prize 2009

The Life Sciences Prize was awarded for the sixth time in Basel during the Life Sciences Week. This year's award went to ENDOSENSE SA, based in Meyrin / Geneva.

Basel, October 14, 2009. The prize of CHF 10'000, awarded today for the sixth time, is under the patronage of the Swiss Biotech Association and BioValley Basel, and is intended for young Swiss companies in the Biotech, Pharma and Medtech sectors. Sponsors of the Swiss Life Sciences Prize are BioMedinvest, Novartis Venture Fund, Varuma and Venture Incubator.

ENDOSENSE is a medical technology company focused on improving the efficacy, safety and reproducibility of catheter ablation for the treatment of cardiac arrhythmias. Granted the CE mark in May 2009, ENDOSENSE's TactiCath® is the first and only force-sensing ablation catheter to give physicians a real-time, objective measure of contact force during the catheter ablation procedure. It has undergone considerable pre-clinical and clinical testing, the results of which have created a solid foundation of evidence supporting the feasibility, safety and value of contact force sensing during catheter ablation.

As Dr. Dieter Scholer, Member University Council, University of Basel, stated: "ENDOSENSE is a unique example of combining the Swiss affinity for precise small mechanical technology with a deep understanding for unmet medical needs. This results in the production of an innovative device ready to be used in hospitals."

The previous years' winners were EyeSense AG, Basel (2008), Pevion Biotech AG, Ittigen (2007), GlycoVaxyn AG, Schlieren (2006), mondoBIOTECH AG, Stans (2005) and ESBATech AG, Schlieren (2004).

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