



MITHRA PHARMACEUTICALS SA/NV WON PLG BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AWARD FOR 2015

Liège, Belgium, 5th February 2016 – Mithra Pharmaceuticals announced today that the 9th Annual PLG Business Development Awards saw **François Fornieri** from **Mithra Pharmaceuticals** win the **AstraZeneca Business Development Executive of the Year 2015** for leading 3 transformational deals throughout 2015, making Mithra a leading challenger in Women’s Health.

With 10 strong nominations entered for this award representing companies across Europe special mention was given to Lucas Martin, Bayer and Yannis Morel, Innate Pharma.

The second award of the evening, the **PLG Business Development Newcomer of the Year 2015**, recognising significant progress in Business Development, was presented to **Anne Vroon** from **Genmab**.

The evening took place at Barber Surgeons’ Hall in London with Rupert Hill, Managing Director at Greenhill & Co. International, offering his insights into major M&A deals completed in 2015 and predictions for 2016.

PLG’s Chairman, Campbell Wilson stated, “We are delighted by the level of support for the PLG Awards which saw a record number of nominations this year. Nominations were received from across Europe, representing biotech’s to big pharma companies. On behalf of the PLG Board, I would like to thank all who submitted nominations, AstraZeneca for their continued support of the Awards and offer my congratulations to François and Anne.

Mithra Pharmaceuticals CEO, François Fornieri commented, “I am very honoured to have won this prestigious award that recognizes the intense team work and dedication behind these transformational deals in 2015. This award will contribute to our global visibility and will help us lever further our know how in Polymer Technology for long –acting drug development as well as our promising portfolio based on the innovative natural estrogen, Estetrol (E4)”.

Previous winners

The previous winners of the AstraZeneca award for the Business Development Executive Award of the Year :

- 2015** – Francois Fornieri, **Mithra Pharmaceuticals**
- 2014** – Thorsten Umland, **Bayer HealthCare**
- 2013** – Joint Winners – Joanne Kelley, **AstraZeneca** & Barbara Krebs-Pohl, **MorphoSys**
- 2012** – Catherine Pickering, **Merck Serono**
- 2011** – Daniel Thomas, **Alliance**
- 2010** – Sean McKercher, **Ipsen**
- 2009** – Martin Buckland, **Astex Therapeutics**
- 2008** – Keith Martin, **Apitope**
- 2007** – Eva-Lotta Allen, **Ablynx**

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About Mithra

Mithra Pharmaceuticals SA, founded in 1999 as a spin-off of the University of Liège by Mr. François Fornieri and Prof. dr. Jean-Michel Foidart, is a pharmaceutical company focused on Women's Health. Mithra's mission is to support and assist women at every stage of their life, thereby improving their overall quality of life. As such the Company aims to become a worldwide leader in women's health by developing, manufacturing and commercialising proprietary, innovative and differentiated drugs and complex therapeutical entities in four therapeutic fields of women's health, fertility and contraception, menopause and osteoporosis, vaginal infections and cancers.

Mithra has a total headcount of approximately 85 staff members and is headquartered in Liège, Belgium. Further information can be found at: www.mithra.com

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