

DISCOVER THE WINNERS OF THE 10th EDITION OF THE INNOVATION PRIZE



For this year's 10th edition, the Universal Biotech Innovation prize has once more selected some of the most innovative projects within the healthcare sector. With more than 280 candidates from both the academic and industrial fields, this was no easy feat! This year's winners were EVerZom (Biotech), Fyodor Biotechnologies (Medtech) and Digital Medical Experts Inc. (Digitech). The prizes were awarded during a ceremony which took place in Paris on the 10th of October. This event was organized in collaboration with the « Association des Cadres de l'Industrie Pharmaceutique » (ACIP).

Biotech Prize 2018

Jeanne VOLATRON 
EVer

EVerZom works towards the democratization of regenerative medicine, using a new biological tool - extracellular vesicles - which are considered an efficient and safer alternative to cell therapies. EVerZom, a spin off from MSC, a CNRS/Paris Diderot University laboratory, has developed and patented an innovative process which enables a high-yield production of extracellular vesicles. This French innovation would allow researchers from the pharmaceutical industry to design the bio-drugs of tomorrow, even to treat patients with 'incurable' conditions like arthritis, heart failure or strokes.

Medtech Prize 2018

Eddy AGBO 
Urine Malaria Test

Fyodor Biotechnologies is an innovative company at the forefront of developing and commercializing next generation medical diagnostic technologies that address major unmet healthcare needs in emerging markets. Fyodor has successfully developed its flagship innovative Urine Malaria Test TM (UMT) - the world's first non-blood test that detects malaria in 25 minutes or less, using a few drops of urine. With the UMT, they are democratizing malaria testing, making it possible for anyone to promptly diagnose, and thus save lives.

Digitech Prize 2018

Gary HASEY 
Virtual psychiatrist

Digital Medical Experts is a pre-commercial company incorporated in 2011 at McMaster University. Their medical digital expert system utilizes various machine learning/inference technologies to integrate and explore diverse sets of pre-treatment attributes and information to guide the management of an individual patient presenting with symptoms of mental illness. Using pre-treatment brain electrical activity measures (EEG) and clinical data, their algorithms can determine diagnosis, detect suicidal ideation and predict response to a range of pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatments with accuracy of 79-89%.

SELECTION PROCESS

The projects are assessed by the jury members according to the following criteria:

- Scientific quality of the innovation
- Strength of the intellectual property
- Project team expertise and diversity
- Project Feasibility
- Chances of success on the market

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The jury consists in a panel of international experts working both in the pharmaceutical and academic field:

- Franck FAUCHER – BMS
- Pierre-Marie GIROD-ROUX – Sinnovial SAS
- Antony LEBEAU – ANR
- Rafi MARDACHTI – Universal Medica Group
- Rok OCVRK - Servier
- Corinne VENOT - Servier
- Nader YAGHOUBI – PathMaker Neurosystems

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