

## OCRI honours scientists with achievement awards

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National Research Council scientist Wing Sung has won the inaugural "clean technology research award" from the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation, for work reducing toxins and waste in the production of paper and textiles.

He was one of five top scientists from across the region who received Life Sciences Achievement Awards yesterday at an OCRI event.

Mr. Sung, who works at the NRC's institute of biological sciences, helped logen, an Ottawa biotechnology company, develop four generations of enzyme technology that have reduced pulp industry toxic waste by more than 100,000 tons.

The scientist, who has 42 existing or pending patents, is developing new hemp technology to create an environmentally friendly alternative to cotton.

Other award winners include Marianna Sikorska, who won the career achievement award for NRC work into neurogenesis and brain repair. With 120 published papers and five patents, she is an internationally-recognized researcher into the cause of cell death.

EcoVu won the company of the year award for new technology for contamination detection and water purification. Chief executive Ray Novokowsky and chief science officer Bryan Hollebhone were recognized for EcoVu products that deliver ultra-pure water.

Dr. Ross Davies, president of medical and scientific staff at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, won the health innovation award for putting patient health records into an online database that gives surgeons critical information faster.

Dean Fergusson, senior scientist at the heart institute and an assistant professor at the University of Ottawa medical school, won the promising scientist award for work in transfusion medicine. He is currently working a large-scale clinical study of the impact of aging on the quality of donated blood.

Jeremy Grimshaw, also with the heart institute and U of O medical school, won the research achievement award for work in knowledge translation designed to ensure that health decision-makers have the best research information available.

Ottawa will become a hub of a new \$13-million Knowledge Translation Canada Network.

# OCRI Life Sciences and The Ottawa Citizen Congratulate the 2008 Achievement Award Winners

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## OCRI Life Sciences Achievement Awards

### Company of the Year Award

Selection of the award was based on clear evidence that the individual or team has:

Demonstrated entrepreneurial skills in the development of a product or company in the life sciences field

The ability to motivate staff and outsiders to support the project

The ability to plan a course of action, to lead down an uncharted course and, if necessary, to change direction

The ability to balance science and business

Brought tangible benefits to the Ottawa-Carleton economy



OCRI Life Sciences 2008  
Announces  
EcoVu  
Company of the Year



### Company of the Year Award

**EcoVu - Ray Novokowsky  
President and CEO**

The demand for reliable monitoring of our water continues to increase as rules and regulations become more stringent. EcoVu's patented, sophisticated product portfolio sets new standards for contaminant detection and water purification, providing dramatically advanced capabilities for ultra-pure water. EcoVu offers unique value to its clients through their ability to both measure and manage water safely, ensuring that EcoVu-produced water is safe and clean. The potential market for this product is substantial and the company will conduct eight field trials over the next two years with several strategic partners as they demonstrate their technology to the world.