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SynAffix wins Investors Forum at Dutch Life Sciences & Health Conference

Leiden, Wednesday 12 December 2012 – Biotech company SynAffix was awarded the prize for 'Best Pitch' at the annual Dutch Life Sciences & Health Conference in Corpus in Leiden yesterday. During the 'Investors Forum' this start-up company and eleven other young preselected biotech companies presented themselves to a forum of investors. The conference was organised this year for the eighth time, the object being to stimulate the development of the Dutch life sciences sector.

SynAffix is a university spin-off company from Radboud University Nijmegen in the Netherlands. SynAffix develops technologies for the conjugation of biomolecules with biopharmaceutical proteins. As the prize for the best pitch, SynAffix CEO Peter van de Sande received a cheque for € 2,500, which may be used for participation in an international partnering event.

Potential

A total of twelve young biotech companies presented their business plan to a forum of investors. According to jury chairman Roel Bulthuis from Merck Serono Ventures, the technology of SynAffix fulfils a need in the pharmaceutical sector. SynAffix involved the industry in the development of its core technology at an early stage, and several cooperation arrangements have already been realised. Van de Sande managed to win over the investors at the forum with an informative and passionate presentation that is bound to result in follow-up talks.

About the Dutch Life Sciences & Health Conference

The eighth edition of this conference took place in Corpus in Leiden. The Dutch Life Sciences & Health Conference offers businesses, research institutes, universities and investors a platform for exchanging knowledge, trends and developments within the sector and provides networking opportunities. The Investors Forum is part of the Dutch Life Sciences & Health Conference. During the day various experts from the scientific and business communities spoke about their experiences and about developments in the Dutch life sciences. A total of 370 people from the sector attended the conference.

The Dutch Life Sciences & Health Conference was made possible partly by PwC, Pivot Park, the Utrecht Science Park, the Netherlands Genomics Initiative, Quintiles, City of Leiden and Oegstgeest, Niaba and Immuno Valley. The conference is an initiative of congress agency Iventus.

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