

Nationwide search begins for science's inspirational business leaders

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Redx Pharma CEO Neil Murray is to chair a judging panel of leaders drawn from across science-related industries on behalf of the forthcoming Business of Science Conference.

The panel is to select a winner of a new Business of Science Leadership Award which seeks to recognise a senior figure from the private, public or charitable sector who has made an outstanding contribution to business leadership in an area of science and innovation.

There is a call out for entries to ambitious leaders of science-based organisations of all sizes from across the UK who can demonstrate active engagement with the wider business community and an ongoing commitment to the promotion of science at the highest level.

Entries to the Business of Science Leadership Award may be made by individuals directly or via nomination from a qualifying third party until Friday March 24th.

A judging panel features a number of high-profile industry figures including Richard Carter, MD, BASF UK, Steve Elliott, CEO of the Chemical Industries Association, Professor Gail Cardew of The Royal Institution, Richard Jones, CFO, Mereo BioPharma. They will meet in London in May to review the entries, with the winner revealed at the Business of Science pre-conference dinner in Manchester on Wednesday May 17th.

Steve Bennett, managing director of Science North Limited and organiser of the award, said: The Business of Science Conference was originally developed as a platform to celebrate the commercial impact of science and to recognise its role in the long term future of the country.

As people are the driving force behind science's contribution to the economy, it felt right to launch an award alongside the main conference this year to recognise those individuals at the very top of their game who are shaping the business of science as we know it today.

Neil Murray, who was recipient of the Institute of Directors North West 2016 Science & Innovation Award, said: Bringing to life and making sustainable any business that is based on innovation is not and has never been a challenge for the faint-hearted.

The leaders who have shown us the way have an original vision backed up by a seemingly unrelenting supply of energy, faith and brilliance. They are also robust enough to survive a myriad of challenges, hurdles and doubts.

Leadership needs to be celebrated and Redx Pharma is certainly delighted to sponsor this award which will showcase outstanding leadership talent in the science-related industries and inspire the next generation of business leaders to achieve great things.

Entries to the Business of Science Leadership Award can be made online until the deadline of March 24th. Confirmed sponsors of the Business of Science Conference include BASF, Redx Pharma, the University of Bolton, Grant Thornton, The Skills and Growth Company, Arup, PZ Cussons, Sci-Tech Daresbury, the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC), Pannone Corporate and the Chemistry Growth Partnership.

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