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Professor from Milan Awarded Inaugural Arnold O. Beckman Medal for Electrodriven Separations

Pier Giorgio Righetti Honored at MicroScale Bioseparations Conference

BREA, CALIF. — (March 7, 2012) — Professor Pier Giorgio Righetti of the Polytechnic of Milano Department of Chemistry, Materials and Chemical Engineering was presented with the inaugural Arnold O. Beckman Award and Medal for Outstanding Achievements in the Field of Electrodriven Separations on Monday, February 13th during the 27th International Symposium on MicroScale Bioseparations and Analyses (MSB 2012) in Geneva, Switzerland.

The MSB Symposium focuses on fundamental aspects of separations on the ‘micro’ scale and also on the application of microscale separations for bioanalytical measurements in life science research, biopharmaceuticals development, forensics, toxicology, doping analyses, food safety and authenticity and environmental sustainability.

Prof. Righetti was honored for outstanding contributions to the development of new electro-driven separation techniques, for his research in proteomics and for his remarkable work with both polar and capillary electrophoresis. The award is sponsored by Beckman Coulter, Inc. and comprises a medal, a book honoring the 100-year anniversary of company founder Dr. Arnold O. Beckman and a cash prize.

“My life as a scientist started with a Beckman DU single-beam spectrophotometer,” Prof. Righetti reflected. “Little did I know then that Beckman was the name of the inventor, a California scientist who had engineered not just this most useful instrument, or that years later, I would be grateful to the man and the company for their contributions to the growth of science, for their generous foundation offering grants to young scientists and for this most recent honor.”
Professor Righetti Receives Inaugural Arnold O. Beckman Award


“Professor Righetti’s work wonderfully deserved the inaugural Arnold O. Beckman Award and Medal for Outstanding Achievements in the Field of Electrodriven Separations and offers much promise to the field of microscale bioseparations,” said Jeff Chapman, director of global outbound marketing, Beckman Coulter Life Sciences. “It’s been both inspiring and informative to review his work and a pleasure to acknowledge his achievements before the community of scientists interested in microscale bioseparations.”

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Caption: The Arnold O. Beckman Medal for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Bioseparation

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