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Wisconsin Educator Wins Top Honor for Excellence in Biotechnology Education

Chicago, IL (April 9, 2006) –The Biotechnology Institute today announced Kathryn Eilert, a teacher at Middleton High School in Middleton, WI, as the recipient of the Genzyme-Invitrogen Biotech Educator Award, the nation’s top award for biotechnology education. The award, sponsored by Genzyme Corporation and Invitrogen Corporation, was presented during a banquet ceremony at the Biotechnology Institute’s Annual Education Conference in Chicago, Illinois, on Saturday, April 8.

The award was established by the Biotechnology Institute, the national biotechnology education organization, to recognize premier teachers at the high school level and other educators who bring biotechnology to their classrooms and provide an array of expertise to help improve the teaching and learning of biotechnology.

“Kathryn represents the best of the teachers that we work with every day,” says Paul A. Hanle, president of the Biotechnology Institute. “These dynamic teachers are sharing their passion about science and biotechnology and energizing the next generation of biotechnology innovators.”

Michael Wyzga, executive vice president, finance, and chief financial officer, Genzyme, and Peter Leddy, senior vice president, human resources, Invitrogen, presented the award.

“It is inspiring to see these educators in action--their passion for teaching biotechnology resonates with Genzyme’s values,” said Wyzga. “Our sponsorship of this award simply represents our respect for their profession, and our commitment to invest in a well-informed and educated public. We are very proud of what these remarkable educators continue to accomplish.”

“At Invitrogen, we are encouraged by the impressive work that the winners of this year’s Biotech Educator Award are performing,” said Leddy. “Through their innovative programs and the Biotechnology Institute’s promotion and support, these individuals are training life science’s next great innovators.”

Eight finalists were identified from a nationwide applicant pool from among more than one thousand educators in the Biotechnology Institute’s National Teacher-Leader Program. Eilert, who received an award of \$10,000, was chosen by a panel of judges for her proven leadership and excellence as an educator, her commitment to furthering the

teaching of biotechnology by outreach to other educators, and the development of innovative ways to teach biotechnology.

Also honored was the second place winner, Docia Generette of Bailey High School of Jackson, MS, who received \$5,000. The third-place winner, Deborah Wasylik of Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando, FL, received \$2,500.

The other finalists were:

- Sherry Annee, Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School, Indianapolis, IN
- Mario Godoy-Gonzalez, Royal High School, Royal City, WA
- Irene Matejko, Riverdale Country School, Bronx, NY
- Catherine Miller, A.W. Dreyfoos, Jr. School of Arts, West Palm Beach, FL
- Tracy Zordan, Macdonald High School, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec

The Biotechnology Institute's National Biotechnology Teacher-Leader Program is building a network of thousands of teachers committed to teaching biotechnology to students and serving as a resource for other teachers. Through professional development programs and resources, the Teacher-Leader Program provides educators with the skills and strategies to introduce biotechnology to their students and assist their peers to do the same.

About the Biotechnology Institute

The Biotechnology Institute is an independent, national nonprofit organization dedicated to education about the present and future impact of biotechnology. Its mission is to engage, excite and educate the public, particularly students and teachers, about biotechnology and its immense potential for solving human health, food and environmental problems. For more information, visit www.biotechinstitute.org.

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