

Provepharm Life Solutions wins the 2018 Prix Galien-MedStartUp Award

Provepharm Life Solutions and partner Walter Reed Army Institute of Research were selected for project focusing on anti-malaria treatment in endemic regions

Marseille, October 30, 2018 – Provepharm Life Solutions, a French independent pharmaceutical and life sciences group which revitalizes known molecules, announces today it has won the 2018 Prix Galien-MedStartup Award. The company was selected for its collaborative project with the Experimental Therapeutics branch (ET), the Medical Research Directorate, Africa (MRD-A), and the Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences (AFRIMS, Thailand); all subsidiaries of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR), Maryland, US.

The project, nominated in the category 'Best Collaboration or Partnership Leading to a Breakthrough Solution Dedicated to In-developing Countries', focuses on field trials of new anti-malaria treatments in endemic areas. The treatment will be developed from an active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) containing methylene blue (ProveBlue®)¹. The project aims to evaluate the efficacy of this well-known API to treat malaria in Africa and Southeast Asia.

According to Michel Feraud, president of Provepharm Life Solutions Group: "The project's main objective is the worldwide elimination of malaria, one of the world's leading causes of death². To end this life-threatening disease, my company pledges to support this project with an economic no-gain, no-loss approach. We all believe it could mean major progress in the field of international public health."

To achieve this goal, Provepharm Life Solutions, in partnership with the WRAIR, plans to create an international consortium for malaria treatment clinical trials including a global network of malaria research laboratories.

The partners in this major project are also supported by Dr. Robert Sebbag from the Department of Infectious and Tropical Diseases at Pitié-Salpêtrière Hospital in Paris, and former vice president - access to medicines at Sanofi.

The Prix Galien-MedStartUp Award is a joint initiative of the Galien Foundation and the International Development Agency Business France. It encourages and rewards partnerships between French and North American innovators in the field of life sciences. An internationally renowned panel of experts selected the Provepharm Life Solutions and Walter Reed Army Institute of Research joint project. The winners were announced on October 25 at a ceremony in New York City.

"We are very pleased that our collaborative project is being honored at this prestigious event that each year brings together the largest pharmaceutical groups and projects. This award shows our ability to initiate major projects in the field of international public health. We are proud to attract the interest and support of experts and opinion leaders, a distinguished sign

¹ ProveBlue® is an active pharmaceutical ingredient developed and patented by Provepharm Life Solutions Group. It is composed of methylene blue, the ancestral molecule with recognized antiseptic properties.

² According to the Worldwide Health Organization <http://www.who.int/malaria/en/>

of recognition in light of the next steps we'll face in eliminating malaria worldwide" said Michel Feraud, CEO at Provepharm Life Solutions.

About the Prix Galien-MedStartUp

The global meeting place of innovation in the health sector. The Galien Foundation encourages, recognizes and rewards excellence in scientific innovation to improve the state of human health. The foundation's vision: to be the catalyst for the development of the next generation of innovative treatments and technologies that will impact human health and save lives.

<https://medstartup.galienfoundation.org/>

About Walter Reed Army Institute of Research (WRAIR)

WRAIR is the largest and most diverse biomedical research laboratory at the Department of Defense. The main facility, the Daniel K. Inouye building, is located in Silver Spring, Maryland. Other laboratory and clinical facilities carry out research in Asia, Africa and Europe through cooperative partnerships with host governments and militaries through the US State Department. Its greatest resources are the dedicated scientists, technicians and support personnel who make up the core of the WRAIR today.

<http://www.wrair.army.mil/>

About Provepharm Life Solutions

Provepharm Life Solutions is an independent French pharmaceutical and life sciences company. Since its creation in 1998, the company has leveraged its expertise in fine chemistry for the revitalization of known molecules. The first products developed were methylene blue based and are commercialized in 25 countries around the world. Provepharm Life Solutions' strategy consists of developing its range of products, applying its expertise for the revitalization of other molecules and strengthening its international business.

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