



Zymeworks Awarded BIOTECanada's Gold Leaf Award as Early Stage Company of the Year

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Canada – Zymeworks Inc., a privately held computational biotechnology company, today announced it is the recipient of BIOTECanada's prestigious Gold Leaf Award in the category of Early Stage Company of the Year – Industrial & Agricultural.

“We are very proud of this award and would like to thank BIOTECanada for this honour,” says Dr. Ali Tehrani, President and CEO of Zymeworks. “2008 was a transformative year for Zymeworks. Our focus on industrial enzyme design, including a collaboration with DSM, helped to significantly advance and validate our computational technologies. These early successes have served as the foundation for Zymeworks to aggressively pursue a new strategic direction in the engineering and optimization of protein therapeutics.”

About Zymeworks Inc.

Zymeworks is a computational biotechnology company that combines proprietary molecular simulation technology with high performance computing to research and develop protein therapeutics. Zymeworks' proprietary ZymeCAD™ molecular simulation platform creates a highly detailed modeling environment that generates novel physical and chemical insights into protein systems. Zymeworks' protein engineers utilize these new understandings of structure-function relationships to modify proteins to address the needs of strategic partners and to advance Zymeworks' protein therapeutics pipeline. More information on Zymeworks can be found at <http://www.zymeworks.com>.

About BIOTECanada's Gold Leaf Award – Early Stage Company of the Year

The recipients of this award are pre-commercialization companies and are recognized for their potential. They will have distinguished themselves from their peers with demonstrated technology innovation and achieved milestones. One company from the health sector and one company from the industrial and agriculture sector will be recognized. More information can be found at <http://www.goldleafawards.ca>.

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