



## EM Imaging Win Best Emerging Medtech Company Award

Edinburgh, Scotland, October 7, 2016 - At the OBN Awards 2016 dinner in Oxford last night, [Edinburgh Molecular Imaging](#) were awarded the Best Emerging Medtech Company Award.



EM Imaging CEO Ian Wilson celebrates winning the Best Emerging Medtech Company Award at OBN 2016.

The Awards, which are in their 8<sup>th</sup> year, celebrate the best of UK life sciences – outstanding innovation, fundraisers and achievements – underlining the pre-eminence of the UK sector in the global marketplace.

**John Harris, CEO of OBN**, said: “We are thrilled with the high quality of nominees this year which made picking just one winner in each category very difficult. We work hard to keep the awards fresh and have introduced several new categories this year to reflect industry trends. The turn-out and support we’ve received is a true reflection of how buoyant our industry is and I would like to thank our sponsors for helping us make the OBN Awards the success it is today.”

### The winners are:

#### **Best Start-up Biotech Company Award**, *Sponsored by Penningtons Manches*

Winner: **OxStem** – for its disruptive approach to the field of regenerative medicine  
[www.oxstem.co.uk](http://www.oxstem.co.uk)

#### **Best Emerging Biotech Company Award**, *Sponsored by Covance*

Winner: **Mereo BioPharma Group** – for extraordinary progress in the development of products focused on rare and specialty disease areas  
[www.mereobiopharma.com](http://www.mereobiopharma.com)

#### **Best Established Biotech Company Award**, *Sponsored by Premier Research*

Winner: **Heptares Therapeutics**, for their outstanding acquisitions, impressive product pipeline and industry leading technology  
[www.heptares.com](http://www.heptares.com)

**Best Start-up Medtech Company Award, Sponsored by JA Kemp**

Winner: **Precision Ocular**, for making great progress in their strategy to develop novel therapeutics and drug delivery systems to treat retinal disease  
[www.precisionocular.com](http://www.precisionocular.com)

**Best Emerging Medtech Company Award, Sponsored by World Courier**

Winner: **Edinburgh Molecular Imaging**, for the rapid discovery and clinical development of their optical imaging “SMART Agents”  
[www.edinimage.com](http://www.edinimage.com)

**Best Established Medtech Company Award, Sponsored by Arthur J Gallagher**

Winner: **Oxford Nanopore Technologies**, for developing the world’s first and only nanopore DNA sequencer  
[www.nanoporetech.com](http://www.nanoporetech.com)

**Best Emerging UK Synthetic Biotech Company Award, Sponsored by SynbiCITE**

Winner: **Touchlight Genetics**, for developing an innovative, [in vitro dual enzyme process](#) that produces DNA at commercial scale and quality  
[www.touchlight.com](http://www.touchlight.com)

**Best Implementation of Digital Healthcare Award, Sponsored by EY**

Winner: **Congenica**, for its cloud-based technology that supports whole genome analysis from a single DNA test  
[www.congenica.com](http://www.congenica.com)

**Best UK Life Sciences Incubator Award, Sponsored by James Cowper Kreston**

Winner: **BioHub at Alderley Park**, for running an excellent BioHub that has supported 188 companies and over 600 people resulting in 49 Virtual Companies and 10 Physical Companies  
[www.biocity.co.uk/biocity/alderley-park](http://www.biocity.co.uk/biocity/alderley-park)

**Highest Impact Investor Award, Sponsored by N+1 SINGER**

Winner: **Mercia Technologies**, for focusing on the creation, funding and scaling of early stage, innovative technology businesses with high growth, global potential from the UK regions  
[www.merciatechnologies.com](http://www.merciatechnologies.com)

**Best Public-Private Collaboration Award, Sponsored by Oxford AHSN**

Winner: **The Structural Genomics Consortium**  
[www.thesgc.org](http://www.thesgc.org)

**Outstanding Achievement Award**

Winner: **Oxford Nanopore Technologies**, for being extremely disruptive in their field and setting an excellent example to the industry  
[www.nanoporetech.com](http://www.nanoporetech.com)

**Special Recognition Award**

Winner: **Neil Woodford CBE, Founding Partner and Head of Investment, Woodford Investment Management**  
[www.woodfordfunds.com](http://www.woodfordfunds.com)