

2010 Prix Galien USA Pro Bono Humanum Award to be Presented to UNITAID for Work In Global HIV/AIDS Effort

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NEW YORK, Sept. 9 /PRNewswire/ -- The Prix Galien USA committee, responsible for awarding the most prestigious prize in biopharmaceutical research and development, today announced the 2010 winner of the Pro Bono Humanum Award for the 4th annual Prix Galien USA Awards competition. The award, recognizing exemplary and innovative efforts to improve the human condition, will be presented to UNITAID in partnership with the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) for their tremendous work combating the global HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Philippe Douste-Blazy, M.D., President of UNITAID, and President William J. Clinton, President of CHAI, will be accepting the award on behalf of their organizations. UNITAID and CHAI's efforts to reduce the price of quality medicines and diagnostics, while accelerating the pace at which these health products are made available, have resulted in the distribution of life-saving medicines to more than 456,000 people in 40 countries.

Elie Wiesel, Nobel Laureate and Prix Galien USA committee member, will present the award at a black tie ceremony at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City on September 28, 2010. The Prix Galien USA Pro Bono Humanum Award will accompany a series of other awards honoring companies who have made innovative contributions to biopharmaceutical and medical technology research and development.

"The collaboration between UNITAID and the Clinton Health Access Initiative truly embodies the spirit of the Pro Bono Award by moving us forward in improving the human condition, particularly for those affected by HIV/AIDS. The combination of innovative financing, philanthropic goals, and effective delivery of medicines makes this award and citation natural winners for the 2010 Pro Bono Award," said Gerald Weissmann, M.D., Prix Galien USA committee chair, New York University professor emeritus and editor-in-chief of *The FASEB Journal*. "Because of this partnership, three out of four children wi
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