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BioITWorld Boston 2004

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Nextrials, Apple Computer, Waters Corporation and Gene Logic Recognized for Innovative  
Technologies Driving Biomedical Research, Drug Discovery

IDG's Bio-IT World magazine and IDG World Expo today announced that products from four bio-IT companies were named Best of Show Award winners at a ceremony held here last night at the Hynes Convention Center during Bio-IT World Conference + Expo: Prism EDC & Inventory Management from Nextrials, Inc.; Apple Workgroup Cluster for Bioinformatics from Apple Computer; eLab Notebook software from Waters Corporation; and ASCENTA System from Gene Logic, Inc.

Judged by a joint team of Bio-IT World and Health-IT World magazine editors and leading industry experts, Best of Show Awards recognize new products which demonstrate exceptional technology innovations across the life sciences drug discovery process, healthcare management and outcomes-based medicine.

The following winners were selected among 12 finalists across four technology categories. Products were chosen based on technical merit, functionality and innovation, and in-person presentations to the judges at the show.

- Clinical Trials & Research  
Prism EDC & Inventory Management from Nextrials, Inc. -  
San Ramon, Calif.
- Information Technology Infrastructure  
Apple Workgroup Cluster for Bioinformatics from Apple Computer -  
Cupertino, Calif.
- Knowledge Management & Collaboration Tools  
eLab Notebook software from Waters Corporation - Milford, Mass.
- Informatics Tools & Data  
ASCENTA System from Gene Logic, Inc. - Gaithersburg, MD

Bio-IT World Conference + Expo is the industry's premier event that showcases how technology is transforming life sciences throughout all discovery and development processes. It takes place at Boston's Hynes Convention Center from March 30 through today. This year's event included thousands of pharmaceutical, biotechnology, academic, government and life science professionals, 85 exhibiting companies, and dozens of conference sessions and workshops. For the first time this year, the conference was co-located with Health-IT World Conference + Expo, a new event that addresses IT in healthcare management and outcomes-based medicine.

In addition to the award winners, the editors of Bio-IT World and Health-IT World also presented three Editors' Recognition Awards to companies with products within two new award categories: Health IT Infrastructure and Health Informatics. Since these are new categories and the number of qualified entries for this year did not meet the minimum requirement for Best of Show Award winners, the editors wished to formally recognize the innovation embodied in their entries, as well as the quality of the products. The products include:

- HospitalAnalysis from Dimensional Insight, Inc.
- Bluesocket WG-5000 Wireless Gateway from Bluesocket, Inc.
- View Anywhere Display from Motion Computing, Inc.

During the awards ceremony, John Russell, executive editor, Bio-IT World, and project manager for the Best of Show Awards, said, "Judging from the number of entries we received and products we've reviewed, information technology is greatly impacting the advances of biomedical research and drug discovery. The winners of the Bio-IT World Conference + Expo Best of Show Awards were chosen for their exceptional quality and technical innovation across the life sciences and drug discovery process, and the companies that create such products are commended for their product vision, and encouraged to continue their commitment to supporting life sciences through the advancement of technology."

#### Best of Show Award Winners

Prism is an Electronic Data Capture (EDC) system, which combines ease-of-use with innovative features to provide a fresh solution for the collection and management of clinical trial data. Hosted by Nextrials, Prism is a Web-based, object-oriented application using Perl, XML, Apache and the Postgres Database Management System. Prism is the only EDC application that incorporates drug/device inventory management functionality administered through an EDC interface and driven by real-time data in the clinical database.

The Apple Workgroup Cluster for Bioinformatics (AWC) is a turnkey solution that addresses the needs of the bioinformatics researcher by providing a faster, easier, and lower-cost way to accomplish computational research. This unique, all-inclusive package includes everything a non-technical bench scientist would need to set up, operate, and maintain a small computational cluster - with little or no support required from an IT department. The solution includes a UNIX-based, 64-bit Xserve G5 cluster available in basic and scalable configurations, iNquiry by The BioTeam - a suite of 200 pre-configured, open source bioinformatics applications and integrated cluster management software, a spare-parts kit, and three years of Apple Premium Service and Support.

Waters eLab Notebook software is an enterprise solution designed for everyday use in any scientific laboratory. Built with an open technology framework, the Waters eLab Notebook software allows users to work within any scientific or office software program, while storing the resulting information in a common electronic lab notebook environment. Document review, version control, signatures, archives and all other communications are handled electronically.

Gene Logic's ASCENTA System provides a fast, easy, and affordable way to assess, prioritize, and qualify gene targets. The intuitive, powerful, highly visual gene expression data-analysis system provides a unique perspective of how gene targets are expressed and regulated across a broad range of human diseases and animal model systems. This system facilitates rapid and intuitive target prioritization and discovery.

Best of Show Award winners received honorary signage, an awards logo, and an engraved award. They also will be featured on the Bio-IT World website with additional coverage in an upcoming issue of the magazine. For complete coverage of the awards visit [www.bio-itworld.com](http://www.bio-itworld.com).

#### About Bio-IT World, Inc.

A business unit of IDG, Bio-IT World, Inc., publishes information across a variety of media to meet the needs of bio-IT, life science, healthcare, pharmaceutical and regulatory professionals. The company's award-winning publication, Bio-IT World, and accompanying website, [www.bio-itworld.com](http://www.bio-itworld.com), deliver the latest news, analysis and information on the application of technology products and services to enable the life sciences R&D value chain - spanning basic research, drug discovery and development, clinical trials, and regulatory compliance. The company's digital magazine, Health-IT World, and twice-weekly electronic publication, Health-IT World News, cover business, technology and product developments related to healthcare management systems and outcomes-based medicine. Established in September 2001, Bio-IT World, Inc. is headquartered in Framingham, Mass.

#### About Bio-IT World Conference + Expo

Bio-IT World Conference + Expo ([www.bioitworldexpo.com](http://www.bioitworldexpo.com)), produced by IDG World Expo, is the leading event to demonstrate how technology is transforming the life sciences throughout all discovery and development processes. IDG World Expo designed Bio-IT World Conference + Expo exclusively for life science professionals looking to evaluate and understand advanced solutions that generate, collect and analyze the flood of information being produced by the life sciences industry. Visionaries from the biotechnology, pharmaceutical, healthcare, academic and government markets convene at Bio-IT World Conference + Expo to learn how the latest tools, services and best practices will help revolutionize our health,

our environment and our society.

#### About IDG World Expo

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