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**THE FIVE WINNERS OF THE 2022 INPI AWARDS ARE...
ABOLIS BIOTECHNOLOGIES, EUROPE TECHNOLOGIES, GATTEFOSSÉ,
SINTERMAT AND VETOPHAGE !**

PROVEPHARM LIFE SOLUTIONS RECEIVES SPECIAL JURY AWARD



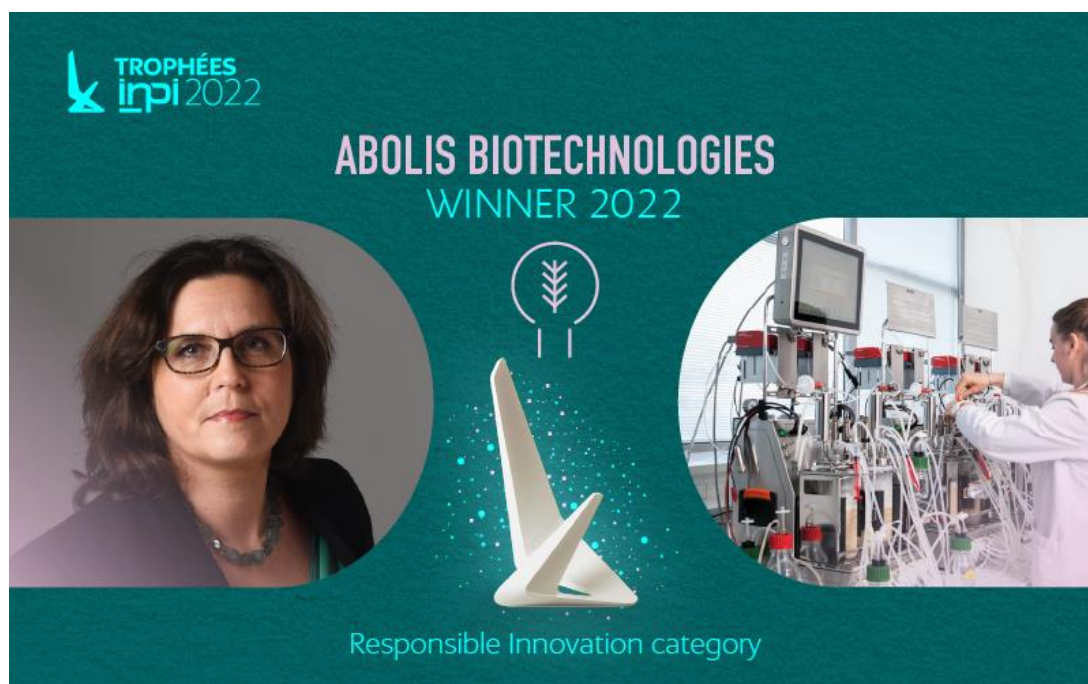
Below are the winners chosen by this year's jury, chaired by Bernard Reybier, Chairman of 2013 INPI Award winner Fermob:

- **ABOLIS BIOTECHNOLOGIES** (Evry, Essonne, Île-de-France)
Responsible Innovation category winner Abolis Biotechnologies has developed microbes to speed up green transition among manufacturers
- **EUROPE TECHNOLOGIES** (Carquefou, Loire-Atlantique, Pays-de-la-Loire)
Industry category winner Europe Technologies specializes in the industrialization, manufacturing and maintenance of composite, metal and plastic parts and sub-assemblies
- **GATTEFOSSÉ** (Saint-Priest, Rhône, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes)
Export category winner Gattefossé develops, produces and markets personal care ingredients for the beauty and healthcare industries
- **SINTERMAT** (Venarey-les-Laumes, Côte d'Or, Bourgogne-Franche-Comté)
Research Partnership category winner Sintermat specializes in the development and production of augmented materials, made from metallic, ceramic or natural powders
- **VETOPHAGE** (Lyon, Rhône, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes)
Start-up category winner Vetophage specializes in developing solutions to combat antibiotic resistance in animals
- **PROVEPHARM LIFE SOLUTIONS** (Marseille, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur)
Special jury award 2022 Provepharm purifies and revitalizes known molecules, in accordance with the applicable legislation, for use in new applications

The award ceremony held yesterday brought together more than 200 people from all segments of the innovation ecosystem at an iconic Parisian venue, the 3 Mazarium. The ceremony was hosted by French journalist Asha Sumputh. The INPI Awards trophies were presented to the winners by Bernard Reybier, Chair of this year's jury; Géraldine Guéry-Jacques, President of the French Association of Industrial Property Specialists (ASPI); Stéphanie Kuss, Chief Executive Officer of Réseau Curie; Jean-Christophe Rolland, President of the French Patent and Trademark Attorneys Institute (CNCPI) and Pascal Faure, Chief Executive Officer of INPI.

RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION CATEGORY WINNER

ABOLIS BIOTECHNOLOGIES: CUSTOMIZED MICROBES TO SPEED UP GREEN TRANSITION AMONG MANUFACTURERS



Based in the Parisian suburb of Evry, Abolis Biotechnologies applies the principle of fermentation (the same process used to produce wine and beer) to develop molecules that are essential to various industries – as raw materials, active ingredients or components – but with a lower environmental impact. These molecules can be used to replace existing molecules that have already been or will be banned because of their toxicity to people or the planet. These new production methods also aim to secure supply chains and production volumes, and relocate the production of these molecules within Europe’s borders. Thanks to its mastery of innovative technologies, the start-up is helping companies in the healthcare, nutrition and cosmetics industries transition to greener solutions. “We’ve protected our innovations through patents, trademarks and trade secrets since we first started designing our solutions,” says **General Manager Valérie Brunel**. “This INPI Award pays tribute to our innovation protection model. It recognizes and rewards the way we promote industrial property in-house and the efforts we make on a daily basis to harness its potential.”

abolis.fr

● *Founded: 2014* ● *50 employees* ● *18 patents - 21 trademarks*

INDUSTRY CATEGORY WINNER

EUROPE TECHNOLOGIES: CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRY 4.0



Europe Technologies specializes in the industrialization, manufacturing and maintenance of composite, metal and plastic parts and sub-assemblies. It has developed innovative expertise in three complementary industrial segments: surface treatment, robotics and production lines. The company delivers this expertise to business customers around the world, operating in sectors ranging from automotive, aerospace and boating to food, healthcare and entertainment. Europe Technologies notably created the machinery that enables a five-tonne platform to be raised five metres in just 48 seconds during French theme park Puy du Fou's spectacular evening show "Cinésécénie". The company also intends to contribute to the development of smart factories by automating and digitizing all the specialized machines and robots it sells. "Our company's development is based on technological innovation", says **CEO Patrick Cheppe**. "Innovating gives us a competitive edge and frees us from dependence on a particular customer or segment. Thanks to our innovations and the high margins generated, we've strengthened our autonomy and our financial independence. As a result, we're able to sell our products in more than 50 countries, including those with particularly strong protectionist policies. This INPI Award reflects the quality of our innovation and industrial property strategy."

europetechnologies.com

● *Founded: 1993* ● *420 employees* ● *Revenue in 2021: €67 million o/w 30% from exports - R&D budget: 12% of revenue* ● *70 patents - 9 trademarks*

EXPORT CATEGORY WINNER

GATTEFOSSÉ: HIGH PERFORMANCE INGREDIENTS FOR THE BEAUTY AND HEALTHCARE INDUSTRIES



Gattefossé develops, produces and markets personal care ingredients and pharmaceutical excipients from natural sources for the beauty and healthcare industries worldwide. A family business founded in Lyon, France in 1880, this medium-sized company is a specialist in lipid chemistry and plant extraction. Its products contribute to the efficacy of tablets and capsules, as well as personal care products such as shampoos, sun protection lotions and skin care and anti-wrinkle creams. Its teams are continuously innovating to enhance performance, satisfy customers' needs and comply with global regulatory and environmental requirements. The company also continues to expand internationally, with products distributed in 80 countries worldwide and the planned construction of a second manufacturing facility in the United States, in addition to its existing technical centres in France, China and India. "We file patent applications for all our new ingredients and technologies, in all countries that are important to our business," says **President Ségolène Moyrand-Gros**. "It takes several years to develop a product and get it integrated into a customer's formulation, so a robust industrial property strategy is essential for protecting our ideas and safeguarding them over time. This INPI Award is an acknowledgement of the efforts we've made in recent years to protect our innovations."

gattefosse.com

● *Founded: 1880* ● *365 employees* ● *Revenue in 2021: €119.7 million o/w 70% from exports - R&D budget: €6 million* ● *18 patent families - 43 French and international patents - 195 trademarks*

RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP CATEGORY WINNER

SINTERMAT: AUGMENTED MATERIALS FOR INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS



Sintermat is a deeptech company specialized in the development and production of augmented materials, made from metallic, ceramic or natural powders. The start-up has notably developed expertise in spark plasma sintering (SPS), a process that uses a pulsed electric current to heat and consolidate different types of powders. Its products are used by various industries, including defence, aeronautics, tooling and watch-making, for applications ranging from the production of die heads for metal extrusion to the manufacture of watch case components. Sintermat's fast, flexible and energy-efficient technology makes it possible to produce industrial components that deliver unrivalled performance and longevity. The service life of the resulting parts is three times longer than that of parts made using conventional technologies. "This INPI Award recognizes what we've accomplished and encourages us to continue implementing our industrial property strategy," says **founder and CEO Foad Naimi**. "This strategy enables us to meet our customers' needs while maintaining control over our company's know-how and commercial deployment."

sinter-mat.com

● *Founded: 2016* ● *20 employees* ● *10 patents*

START-UP CATEGORY WINNER

VETOPHAGE: AN ALTERNATIVE TO ANTIBIOTICS FOR VETERINARY APPLICATIONS



Vetophage specializes in developing solutions to combat antibiotic resistance in animals – a major issue that can make it difficult, or even impossible, to treat certain infections. Using technology based on “phages” (viruses that are naturally present in the environment and specifically target bacteria), the Lyon-based start-up can rapidly detect pathogenic bacteria and is capable of creating a “phage cocktail” to destroy bacteria that are antibiotic-resistant. Vetophage has notably developed a rapid detection kit that meets the needs of the livestock industry: quick, easy, efficient and cost-effective. One day, its technology may even be used for treating bacterial infections in humans. “This INPI Award is an opportunity to shine the spotlight once again on antibiotic resistance – an issue that concerns us all,” says **CEO Mai Huong Chatain-Ly**. “We’re developing a portfolio of extremely innovative, environmentally-responsible products that will be of interest to a wide range of players in the animal health industry but also, in the longer term, to those involved in human health.”

vetophage.fr

- *Founded: 2017*
- *9 employees*
- *5 patents - 3 trademarks - 1 design*

JURY SPECIAL AWARD 2022

PROVEPHARM LIFE SOLUTIONS: REVITALIZED MOLECULES FOR ENHANCED PROPERTIES AND INCREASED PATIENT SAFETY



Thanks to patented technology, Provepharm purifies and revitalizes known molecules, in accordance with the applicable legislation, for use in new applications. The Marseilles-based company is the only pharmaceutical laboratory to have received marketing approval for two dyes – methylene blue and indigo carmine – that have been used for decades without authorisation. These molecules have interesting properties but the presence of heavy metals made them unsuitable for use. Provepharm’s products for hospitals (analgesics, antidotes, contrasting agents, etc.) are now distributed in more than 30 countries worldwide, helping to save the lives of thousands of patients. “Our innovation strategy guarantees our company’s long-term viability and growth,” says **founder and Chairman Michel Feraud**. “We protect all our intangible assets – patents and trademarks – in all the countries where our products will be sold and our competitors are based. This award is a tribute to our work and more broadly a sign of encouragement for those who support innovation.”

[provepharm.com](https://www.provepharm.com)

● *Founded: 1998* ● *108 employees* ● *Revenue in 2021: €66 million* - *R&D budget: 26% of revenue* ● *107 French and international patents* - *67 French and international trademarks*

THE 2022 JURY

Reflecting France's innovation ecosystem, the jury comprises experts and leaders from both the public and private sectors.

Chair: Bernard Reybier, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fermob

INPI: Pascal Faure, Chief Executive Officer

ADEME (French Agency for Ecological Transition): Nadia Boeglin, Director, Ecological Transition in Big Business

AFNOR (French Standardization Association): Christine Kertesz, Head of Member Relations

APRAM (Association of Trademark and Design Law Practitioners): Sylvie Bénoliel-Claux, President

ASPI (French Association of Industrial Property Specialists): Géraldine Guéry-Jacques, President

Energysquare, 2021 INPI Award winner in the Export category: Timothée Le Quesne, CEO

Bpifrance: Emilie Lesage-Périlleux, Head of Legal Affairs, Innovation & Intellectual Property in the Expertise & Programmes Directorate

Business France: Eric Morand, Head of Tech & Services

CCI France: Frédéricke Lonchambon, Head of Business and Territories Development

CNCPI (French Patent and Trademark Attorneys Institute): Jean-Christophe Rolland, Chair

Directorate General for Enterprise (DGE): Olivier Deschildre, Innovation & Industrial Property Project Manager

Directorate General for Research and Innovation (DGRI): Juliette Thomas, Head of the Regional Action Department

Lactips, 2021 INPI Award winner in the Research Partnership category: Jean-Laurent Pradel, R&D Director

Réseau Curie: Stéphanie Kuss, Chief Executive Officer

Union des Fabricants (Unifab): Nicolas Martin, Vice President



ABOUT INPI



In addition to granting and registering patents, trademarks and designs, the French Patent and Trademark Office (INPI) furthers economic development by its actions designed to raise awareness and promote innovation and its key issues. INPI provides help and advice to innovators so they can convert their projects into concrete results and derive value from their innovations. INPI, a self-financed public body placed under the authority of the ministry in charge of industrial property, also actively participates in the development and implementation of public policies in the field of intellectual property, innovation support and business competitiveness and in the fight against counterfeiting.

The depository of all the industrial property rights filed in France and the data of the French Companies Register, INPI disseminates more than 61.2 million open, free and reusable data items. INPI now operates the one-stop-shop for company formalities (new registrations, changes, striking off). Lastly, INPI is responsible for the approval of industrial and artisanal geographical indications.

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