

## **“Most promising incubator”-award for.....**

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During the Fourth Annual Conference on “Best Practices in Science Based Incubators” last 1 & 2 December in Turin, Italy, i4G Euroconsultants has won the award for “Most Promising New Incubator 2005”. This prestigious award is one of the four international awards which are annually distributed during this conference which is organised by Science Alliance in The Netherlands. Based on quantitative data on the incubator on the one hand, and the expertise of an international expert jury on the other hand, i4G was judged to be the winner of this internationally recognised award out of an international group of incubators which competed for these awards. The competitors for the award joined this benchmarking exercise in which during the last four years, more than 150 incubators from Europe, the USA, Australia and Asia have participated.

The Annual International Conference on “Best Science Based Incubators” is organised by Science Alliance in the Netherlands in cooperation with various partners such as the European Gate2Growth Incubator Forum, the UK Business Incubation Association, the Italian Science Based Incubators Association, the NBIA, The Technopolity Network and the European Centre for Strategy and Evaluation Services. These organisations were present as well during the Awarding Ceremonies at the Conference. Overall winner of the Award was ‘Symbion Science Park’ based in Denmark. The Kaunas incubator from Lithuania was the winner of the ‘Fastest Growth’ award, the award for ‘Self-Sustainability’ is won by AlmaCube Incubator from Italy and the Award for ‘Return on Investment’ has been handed out to Haidian Science Park from China.

i4G Euroconsultants has been joining the competition for the first time this year and immediately won the 2005 Award for “Most Promising New Incubator”. The international jury was clearly impressed by the incubation processes which have been created when starting up this incubator as well as the various strategic and regional cooperation programs in offering more added value to tenants, partners and the region.