Innovation Academy 2011 – 3rd Prize: Dick Zoutman

In the two years that have passed since ICPIC 2011, the peer-recognition, review, and subsequent industry and media awareness resulting from the Innovation Academy prize awarded to me, has played a profound role in the advancement of AsepticSure.

It [AsepticSure] has gone from being the subject of an innovative Canadian research project to a market-ready, globally-patent protected, internationally viable commercial venture – a venture that promises a massive reduction in hospital acquired infections [including tuberculosis] and the certainty of saving thousands of lives annually, worldwide.

The Academy’s thorough peer review, excellent feedback and constructive criticism of my work on the AsepticSure project has proven to be as rewarding as it has been valuable. It afforded the opportunity to have my work subjected to intense scientific scrutiny as well as an in-depth analysis of its business merits. For me personally, being the recipient of such a meritorious prize has provided clear validation that my work was and is of solid scientific merit and value. For the rest of our research team, it has given them the stimulus to not only further refine the AsepticSure system, but to push new boundaries in the field of HAI research.

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