

Bio-on reaches European Business Awards final. The most important European awards for successful businesses

BOLOGNA 14/02/2017 – Bio-on has gained a place in the final of the **European Business Awards (EBA)**, the most important and prestigious awards for successful businesses in Europe, and must now tackle the last stage of the selection process, which ends on 4 May when the winners are announced. The organisation, sponsored by **RSM**, has awarded Bio-on the **Ruban d’Honneur** in the “**Entrepreneur of the Year**” category. Bio-on is one of 110 finalists selected from over 33,000 companies participating in the first stage of the EBA and was chosen by an independent panel of jurors as displaying the award's core values: innovation, ethics and success.

"We are proud to receive the Ruban d’Honneur," says **Bio-on Chairman and CEO Marco Astorri**, "because it recognises the results our company has achieved to date and the technology we have developed to transform the green chemical industry of the future."

Bio-on specialises in the research and industrial development of PHAs biopolymers and in the production of special biopolymers. The PHAs bioplastics developed by Bio-on are made from renewable plant sources, such as agricultural and agro-industrial waste, with no competition with food supply chains. They are completely eco-sustainable and 100% naturally biodegradable.

"We are now ready for the final stage of the competition," says **Astorri**, "and we are confident we can demonstrate our values and the revolutionary qualities of our bioplastic." The final stage of the European Business Awards involves an in-depth interview with each of the selected companies. **The winner of each of the 11 categories will be announced at the final on 4 May in Dubrovnik, Croatia.**

Bio-on is taking part in the “Popular vote”, which will choose the EBA “National champion”. The winner will be announced on 6 March. Visit this website to vote: <http://www.businessawardseurope.com/vote/detail-new/the-rsm-international-entrepreneur-of-the-year-award/21520>

The lead sponsor RSM, the 6th largest global network of independent audit, tax and consulting firms, has supported the European Business Awards since its inception. The main purpose of the “Awards” is to support the growth of a strong and successful business community throughout Europe. **Adrian Tripp, CEO of the European Business Awards**, said: "To innovate, prosper and grow in the current climate as this year’s Ruban D’Honneur recipients have done is truly remarkable. Europe needs more companies like these. Well done to them all."

Bio-on S.p.A.

Bio-On S.p.A., an Italian Intellectual Property Company (IPC), operates in the bioplastic sector conducting applied research and development of modern bio-fermentation technologies in the field of eco-sustainable and completely naturally biodegradable materials. In particular, Bio-On develops industrial applications through the creation of product characterisations, components and plastic items. Since February 2015, Bio-On S.p.A. has also been operating in the development of natural and sustainable chemicals for the future.

Bio-On has developed an exclusive process for the production of a family of polymers called PHAs (polyhydroxyalkanoates) from agricultural waste (including molasses and sugar cane and sugar beet syrups). The bioplastic produced in this way is able to replace the main families of traditional plastics in terms of performance, thermo-mechanical properties and versatility. Bio-On PHA is a bioplastic that can be classified as 100% natural and completely biodegradable: this has been certified by Vincotte and by USDA (United States Department of Agriculture). The Issuer's strategy envisages the marketing of licenses for PHAs production and related ancillary services, the development of R&D (also through new collaborations with universities, research centres and industrial partners), as well as the realisation of industrial plants designed by Bio-On.

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