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New Board Member Appointed and Fellowship Funds Awarded by the Ontario Centres of Excellence Inc.

TORONTO, Sept. 19 /CNW/ - The Ontario Centres of Excellence Inc. (OCE) held its Annual General Meeting today in Toronto, where Dr. Gilles Patry, President of the University of Ottawa, was appointed to the OCE board of directors. At the same meeting, the OCE presented the \$100,000 2005 Martin Walmsley Fellowship for Technological Entrepreneurship to this year's recipient - Glass Onion and its founder Jamie Doran.

Dr. Patry has been president of the University of Ottawa since 2001. A civil engineer, Dr. Patry has made a significant contribution to enhancing the University's innovation capabilities. He spearheaded efforts to create the School of Information Technology and Engineering (SITE), an interdisciplinary project designed to create leading-edge information technology research and education at the institution.

Dr. Patry specializes in the field of modeling, simulation and control of environmental systems - and in particular, wastewater treatment plants. This is an area of interest to the OCE's Centre for Earth and Environmental Technologies, which has an innovation cluster dedicated to clean water technologies. A number of research projects at SITE have also been supported by the OCE through the Centre for Communications and Information Technologies. In addition to serving on the OCE Board, Dr. Patry also sits on the board of the National Research Council of Canada.

"I am delighted that Dr. Patry has joined the OCE Board. He brings tremendous credentials in the areas of research and innovation and we look forward to his contributions in the year ahead," said David McFadden, Q.C., Chair of the OCE Board. "I would also like to thank retiring Board members Dr. Suzanne Fortier (Vice-President Academic, Queen's University) and Dr. Ilse Treurnicht (President and CEO, Primaxis Technology Ventures Inc.) for the outstanding job they have both done over the past year".

Dr. Patry will join the following individuals as a member of the OCE board:

- David J. McFadden, Q.C. (Chairman), Partner, Gowlings Lafleur Henderson LLP
- Dr. Robert Moses (Vice-Chairman), President - PCI Enterprises
- Dr. Suhayya (Sue) Abu-Hakima, President and CEO - AmikaNow! Corporation
- Dr. Peter Annan, President - Sensors and Software Inc.
- Ken Carpenter, President and CEO - Burlington Technologies Inc.
- Mark Chamberlain, President and CEO - Pictorvision
- Sean Conway, Director, Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, Queen's University
- Dr. Paul Guild, Vice-President, University Research, University of Waterloo
- Rebecca MacDonald, Chair and CEO, Ontario Energy Savings Corporation
- Jim Orgill, Managing Director, BDC Venture Capital
- Dr. Mamdouh Shoukri, Vice-President, Research and International Affairs, McMaster University
- Dr. Ian Smith, Director General, National Research Council Canada, Institute for Biodiagnostics
- Jeffrey Steiner, President and CEO, TEDCO
- Dr. Kim Woodhouse, Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry, University of Toronto
- Mark Romoff (Ex-officio), President and CEO, Ontario Centre of Excellence



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One of the highlights of the year at OCE involves selecting the recipient for the Martin Walmsley Fellowship for Technological Entrepreneurship. The award is \$100,000 and is given out over two years in the amount of \$50,000 per year. Following the first year installment, the awarding of the second year's installment is determined based on the judgment of the Selection Committee. Their decision is based on a revised business plan, which takes account of progress against milestones laid out in the original plan.

The Walmsley Fellowship facilitates the transition of an OCE-funded, university-based technology into an innovative new business venture. Candidates for the award are judged on a variety of criteria, including the commercial viability of their technology and the strength of their business plan. The funding provided provides the kind of support that is critical to the early stage development of a business.

The 2005 Walmsley Fellowship was presented to Glass Onion and its founder Jamie Doran by the Fellowship's founder, Dr. Martin Walmsley. Mr. Doran is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Guelph where he created Glass Onion with the support of OCE and its Centre for Earth and Environmental Technologies.

Glass Onion will sell innovative technologies to the allium industry, with the goal of enabling Ontario garlic producers to secure 30 per cent of the fresh garlic market and better compete with imports. Among the offerings the company is marketing are The Pungometer, a pungency assessment tool, and a virus-free garlic seed sorely needed by the industry both here in Canada and in the United States.

Other highlights of the AGM included presentations by post-secondary students engaged in research programs, focused on innovation in knowledge-based sectors, funded by the OCE.

About OCE Inc.

OCE Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation that delivers the Ontario Centres of Excellence program, which was established by the Ontario Government in 1987 to support research excellence. OCE Inc. fosters innovation and supports the commercialization of industry and academic research collaborations in specific technologies across a range of market sectors including communications and information technology, environmental sciences, photonics, energy, and materials and manufacturing. OCE Inc. is a crucial link in Ontario's innovation cycle - providing a catalyst for ideas to evolve from the lab to the marketplace. For more information, visit www.oceontario.org.

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