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## **MEDIA ADVISORY: AMBASSADOR WILKINS TO SPEAK AT NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' AWARDS DINNER**

Toronto (June 15, 2006) – Honour leaders of Canada's biotechnology and medical device industries at the National Presidents' Awards Dinner and hear a special address from His Excellence David H. Wilkins, United States Ambassador to Canada.

**Where:** Metro Toronto Convention Centre (South Building) Toronto, Ontario  
**When:** Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm; Reception begins at 5:30 pm  
**Who:** Join your hosts BIOTECanada, MEDEC and supporters of industry as well as this year's award recipients:

### **MEDEC's Awards for Excellence**

**President's Award for Outstanding MEDEC Committee:**  
CANADIAN HEART RHYTHM TASK FORCE

**President's Award for an Outstanding MEDEC Member:**  
NANCY ABBEY, Baxter Corp.  
DAVID AMES, Johnson & Johnson Medical Products

**MEDEC Award for Medical Achievement:**  
DR. ROBERT BURRELL, University of Alberta

### **National Biotechnology Awards**

**Biotech Company of the year:**  
ASPREVA PHARMACEUTICALS (Victoria, BC)

**Contribution to Advancing the Benefits of Biotech for Canadians:**  
DR. ALEX MCPHERSON, Former President, Biomira (Edmonton AB)

**Promising Early Stage Companies:**  
RIMON THERAPEUTICS LTD. (Toronto, ON)  
MBEC BIOPRODUCTS (Edmonton, AB)

**Contribution to the Association:**  
DR. LUIS BARRETO, Vice-President of Public Policy, Sanofi Pasteur Limited (Toronto, ON)

More information about the awards and the National Presidents' Awards Dinner is at [www.canmedbio.com](http://www.canmedbio.com)

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