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OCRI announces finalists for 2007 awards

By Krystle Chow, Ottawa Business Journal Staff
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N-Able Technologies, March Networks and ZANTAZ have been nominated for the top honour in the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation's annual awards ceremony.

The three companies, which were nominated for the title of Technology Company of the Year, are among 30 finalists selected for the 2007 OCRI awards. The event celebrates the achievements of the region's business, research and academic community.

This year, more than 70 nominations were received for the 11 categories, which include awards for most promising startup, product of the year, best news story, as well as several honours for students.

"Seldom are there opportunities to celebrate the global and local successes of our companies," said OCRI chief executive Jeffrey Dale. "With the OCRI Awards, we are able to recognize those that demonstrate excellence in such things as innovation, job creation and corporate governance. Those teams and individuals are really setting the standard for excellence in Ottawa."

The awards gala will be held April 4 at the Westin Hotel.

This year's finalists are:

Technology Company of the Year:

- N-able Technologies
- March Networks Corporation
- ZANTAZ

Next Generation Executive of the Year:

- Brian Hurley – CEO of Liquid Computing
- Mike Burns – CEO of Fuel Industries

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- Ravi Parmasad – vice-president of the IP division of Alcatel-Lucent



Technology Partnership:

- Cognos and Research in Motion
- GangaGen Life Sciences and Elanco Animal Health
- QNX and Intel Multi-core Software Expedite Program

Most Promising Startup:

- I-Squared Learning
- The Utility Company
- VoIPshield Systems

Product of the Year:

- Natural Convergence
- Parliant Corporation
- Ross Video

Service of the Year:

- bitHeads Inc.
- Macadamian Technologies
- Zip.ca

Best News Story of the Year:

- Andrew Mayeda, *The Ottawa Citizen* - Mosaid Technologies series, March and Sept. 2006
- Jeff Pappone, *Ottawa Business Journal* - "Time for an Upgrade" series, summer 2006
- Vito Pilioci, *The Ottawa Citizen* - "Video populi booms," Nov. 2 2006

Best Financial Deal:

- BelAir Networks
- Enablence Technologies Inc.
- Variations Biotechnology Inc.

Student Researcher of the Year:

- Fei Zeng – University of Ottawa

Reader Poll 02/26/2007

Are you happy with the compromise city council and Mayor O'Brien have reached to deliver a budget with only a marginal increase to the taxpayer?

Yes. It's turned out better than I expected.

No. This is no tax freeze. Transit costs are going up and there will be increases to user fees.

I don't know.

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- Peter Popplewell – Carleton University
- Qi (Jacky) Liu – Carleton University

Student Entrepreneur of the Year:

- Aroosh R. Elahi – Carleton University
- Edward Chouchani – Carleton University
- Saeid Nourian – University of Ottawa

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