

Press release

Integrated Medical Sensors wins prestigious start-up prize from the Diabetes Center Berne

Bern, 4 October 2024 - The start-up Integrated Medical Sensors (IMS) has won first place in the DCB Open Innovation Challenge. The company was honoured with a prize of USD 100,000, including in-kind support, at the DCB Start-up Night at Bern's Kursaal.

This year's DCB Start-Up Night and the Open Innovation Challenge 2024 award ceremony took place on 3 October and offered the audience an inspiring evening full of innovation. The winner of the fourth edition of the Open Innovation Challenge was announced at the event, which took place at the Kursaal in Bern. A total of 100 ideas were submitted from various countries – including Switzerland, the US, Portugal, Australia, Brazil, Spain, Lithuania, Denmark, Sweden, Japan, Germany, and the UK – all with the common goal of improving the lives of people with diabetes.

The event was supported by mylife Diabetescare, Dexcom, Comerge, the Economic Development Agency of the Canton of Bern, the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property, and Diabetes Switzerland.

This year's winner, IMS, impressed the expert jury with a revolutionary, particularly small, and minimally invasive device for continuous glucose monitoring (CGM). The world's first fully integrated single-chip device monitors blood glucose using multiple sensors simultaneously and can also record other physiological parameters such as tissue temperature. It is also able to measure various physiological parameters such as glucose and ketones – all with just one device.

The start-up Beep Insights was honoured with the Public Choice Award by the audience thanks to its Beep app, which estimates insulin resistance using lactate measurement and other data such as activity and nutrition.

"The DCB team did an outstanding job. This achievement will provide us with the resources and network needed to gain traction towards our goals, making a significant impact on our company's journey", shares Muhammad Mujeeb-U-Rahman, CEO of Integrated Medical Sensors.

"We are very proud of the number of start-ups this year and of our collaboration with the Diabetes Technology Society from the US. We are particularly pleased to have received a total of 100 new and innovative ideas from start-ups. Together with the top six start-ups, we look forward to working on our shared mission to improve the lives of people with diabetes," says Ema Grabenweger, Innovation Manager DCB and responsible for the Open Innovation Challenge 2024.

Hanne Ballhausen, Project Manager Innovation and organiser of the DCB Bootcamp, adds: *"The DCB Open Innovation Challenge is our annual highlight where we promote the best start-ups in diabetes technology. With a wide range of services from DCB and sustainable networks, we look forward to continuing our collaboration with all finalists and achieving great things together."*

About DCB

The Diabetes Center Berne (DCB) is a private, independent Swiss foundation established in 2017 with the aim of making life with diabetes easier. DCB supports ideas and projects in the field of diabetes technology worldwide by providing expertise, access to clinical research facilities and its own laboratories, as well as financial resources. The aim is to work in partnership to bring them a big step closer to market maturity. The work of DCB is not profit-oriented - the goal is new findings and innovations in diabetes management as well as a vibrant community.

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