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Sundew wins DANISH BIO's "Rising Star" Award Sustainability-focused venture first to win the prize

10 May 2022. Sundew – a “blue” biotech venture targeting aquatic pests, diseases and invasive species – has been awarded DANISH BIO's Rising Star award for 2022.

Giovanni Salerno, Sundew's CEO, said: *'we are delighted and proud to win this prestigious award. Our oceans and waterways are afflicted by major problems that modern biology can solve in effective, affordable and environmentally-benign ways. Winning this prize is a recognition of countless hours of excellent work put in by all the members of our team'.*

Hans Shambye, Chairman of the Danish Biotech Association, said: *'Congratulations to Sundew for winning our inaugural Rising Star Award! So much is happening right now in the Danish biotech scene that we had a very strong field for this award. It's great to see such a strong company focused on non-pharmaceutical biotech win a prize – this reflects how diverse biotech is and how our industry can provide solutions to many societal challenges: spanning diseases, climate and the environment'.*

About Sundew

Sundew ApS is a Danish venture focused on combating aquatic pests, diseases and invasive species using advanced biological approaches. Modern biology offers the capability to provide effective, affordable and environmentally benign solutions to the multiple pest, disease and ecological problems afflicting the world's oceans, seas, lakes and rivers.

Sundew is building a portfolio of products based on two technology platforms:

- **Natural ingredients and aquatic beneficial organisms.** Sundew's most advanced product from this platform works against multiple protozoan parasites. One of the most important is Ich, a parasitic disease caused by the protozoan *Ichthyophthirius multifiliis* (and otherwise known as fish white spot disease). It is a major disease of freshwater fish, including such species as koi, rainbow trout, young salmon, catfish and carp.
- **Algal RNA technologies.** This will both protect aquaculture species against disease, and target aquatic invasive species. RNA is becoming increasingly important as a treatment in human therapeutics and vaccines but requires specific delivery mechanisms for use in aquatic environments. Since algae are a major component of many aquatic species' diets, they have many advantages when used in this way.

Both platforms use fermentation as their production technology. More info at www.sundew.bio

About DANISH BIO - DANSK BIOTEK

DANISH BIO is an active trade organisation in continuous dialogue with the Danish authorities and recognised as an authority on biotechnology debate. DANISH BIO has taken steps to increase public knowledge of modern biotechnology. The organisation publishes articles, participates in political meetings and in public debate and teaches in biotech research conditions, genetic modification, ethical matters, etc. It has an influence on decisions regarding state funds for innovative research and entrepreneurial activities and has contributed to the wording of rules and regulations regarding patenting, research and production in Denmark and Europe. More info at: <https://danskbiotek.dk>

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