



Press release of the German Society for Immunology (DGfI)

Gene Lay awarded the Medal of Honor of the German Society for Immunology

Hannover. The founder of BioLegend, Dr. Gene Lay, has been awarded the DGfI Medal of Honor by the German Society for Immunology (DGfI). This is in recognition of his great commitment to basic research and his everlasting support of numerous immunological societies. The Medal of Honor was presented in Hannover during the President's Symposium on the occasion of the joint annual meeting of the DGfI and the Austrian Society for Allergology and Immunology.

Since 2002, the German Society of Immunology has awarded the Medal of Honor at irregular intervals in recognition and appreciation of outstanding service in the interest of the German Society of Immunology.

Gene Lay, D.V.M. MS. is the president and Chief Executive Officer of BioLegend. As a young student, he was inspired by Paul Ehrlich, Georges Köhler, César Milstein, Leonard Herzenberg and other scientists and devoted himself to the study of monoclonal antibodies. Gene Lay, founded BioLegend in June 2002, and has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer since January 2003, and the Chair of the Board since 2002. Prior to founding BioLegend, Dr. Lay co-founded PharMingen, Inc., a leading life science research reagents company, in 1987, where he served as Senior Vice President of Operations. In 1997, upon PharMingen's acquisition by Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD Bioscience), Mr. Lay continued to serve as Vice President of Operations through 2002. Dr. Lay received the 2016 EY Entrepreneur of the Year® Award in San Diego in Life Sciences and was a National Finalist in the same category. Dr. Lay received a Master of Science degree in Microbiology/Immunology from the University of Louisiana, Lafayette and a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.) from the College of Veterinary Medicine at the National Pingtung University of Science and Technology in Taiwan. BioLegend acquired by PerkinElmer Inc in September 2021. He has continued to serve as the President and CEO of BioLegend.

Gene Lay is committed to academic immunological research and promotes numerous professional societies extensively and already for more than 15 years. Through his personal commitment, he contributes significantly to international networking, promotion of young scientists and education in the field of immunology.

In recognition of his outstanding services to the German Society for Immunology, we award Dr. Gene Lay the Medal of Honor.

Background: The German Society of Immunology (DGfI), founded on July 7, 1967, brings together leading natural scientists and physicians to investigate the mechanisms of action of

the body's own defenses against pathogens. This provides important fundamental information for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases. Through national training courses and exchange with international professional societies, the DGfI particularly promotes young scientists and clinicians. The DGfI is the fourth largest national professional society for immunology worldwide.