

HELEN BECOMES FIRST WOMAN TO WIN PRESTIGIOUS SEMBCORP-SPONSORED INDUSTRY AWARD



A woman with an outstanding track record of success in the field of biotechnology has won a Sembcorp-sponsored award at the North east's premier event recognising the brightest and the best in the process industries.

Helen Bickley, UK Vice President of Quality at the Billingham based firm Fujifilm Diosynth Biotechnologies was presented with the prestigious Outstanding Contribution title at the NEPIC Annual Awards Dinner at Hardwick Hall near Sedgefield on Friday (18th January).

She is the first woman to win the award, recognising people who have gone beyond their role or had a significant positive impact on an organisation or an industry.

Fujifilm is at the forefront of advances in tomorrow's medicines supporting customers in the pharmaceutical sector with the development and manufacture of proteins, viral vaccines and gene therapies.

Helen, who began as a quality control team leader with Fujifilm in 2007 after working in analytical roles for Shell and Avecia, is now respected regionally and nationally as an expert in the field of quality manufacturing and is a sought after speaker on the subject.

Her prize was a cheque for £2,000 to be donated to a school of her choice and Helen selected Egglescliffe School near Yarm where it will be spent on an environmental project.

The picture shows (left to right) Philip Aldridge, NEPIC's Chief Executive; Paul Tomlinson, Site Director of Sembcorp Utilities UK; Helen and Louise Gwynne-Jones, PR and Communications Manager at NEPIC.