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## Leiden Bio Science Park receives *Mibiton* Quality certificate

During the Life Sciences Capitals congress, which was held November 9<sup>th</sup> in Leiden, the Leiden Bio Science Park was awarded the annual *Mibiton* Quality Certificate. The Leiden Bio Science Park received the Quality Certificate because over the years *Mibiton* invested most in innovative companies at the Leiden Bio Science Park.

Nettie Buitelaar, CEO of the Leiden Bio Science Park foundation, was given the Quality Certificate by professor Evert Jacobsen, board member of *Mibiton*. Nettie Buitelaar was very honored by this appreciation of the innovative power of the Leiden Bio Science Park companies by their colleagues "The companies at Leiden Bio Science Park who received the *Mibiton* investments are the actual winners of this certificate! It shows how dedicated and determined they work on their growth and development!"

The Leiden Bio Science Park is the largest life science cluster in the Netherlands, with about sixty dedicated biomedical life science companies and the largest number of start-up companies in life sciences. Over the years *Mibiton* supported the Leiden based companies BAC, BaseClear, Enzyscreen, Mucovax, Prosensa Therapeutics, PROXY Laboratories and ZF-screens. In 2009 *Mibiton* awarded a grant from the Share program to PROXY Laboratories and Prosensa Therapeutics for their joint exploitation of pharmaceutical equipment for the small scale experimental production of a treatment for Duchenne Dystrophy.

The *Mibiton* Quality Certificate is awarded annually to promising companies or organizations that have successfully developed with support by the *Mibiton* solo or Share funds. *Mibiton* stimulates research, development and entrepreneurship in the Dutch life science sector. In the years 2000-2009 *Mibiton* invested about 11 million Euros in life science start-ups in the Netherlands.

*Mibiton* invested most of its budget (about a third, more than 3,5 million Euros) in companies at the Leiden Bio Science Park. These investments originated from the BioPartner Facility Support program, the Solo and the Share program. The *Mibiton* Solo fund enables life science companies with a high risk profile to exploit unique or expensive equipment and facilities. Het *Mibiton* Share fund invests in equipment and facilities which are jointly used by several life science companies. *Mibiton* is co-funded by the Dutch Ministry of Economic affairs.

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*Photo caption: Nettie Buitelaar of Leiden Bio Science Park was given the quality certificate by Evert Jacobsen of Mibiton*

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