

Unbroken record: SSPC three-time winners of Pharma Research Centre of the Year



Synthesis and Solid State Pharmaceutical Centre (SSPC) team members, Kristy Butler, Louise O'Neill, Jon O'Halloran, General Manager and Aisling Arthur

Monday, October 9, 2017: Synthesis and Solid State Pharmaceutical Centre (SSPC), a Science Foundation Ireland (SFI) funded research centre was recently awarded the Pharma Research Centre of the Year at the Pharma Industry Awards 2017 for the third consecutive year.

The award recognises the SSPC, a national research centre hosted at the Bernal Institute, University of Limerick, for its outstanding national and international industry-academia, inter-industry, and inter-academia collaborations. SSPC offers many benefits to industry partners from research activities, including the development of scientific and technological advances, a shift in emphasis for the Irish sites within their corporations, and advanced education and training of company employees. The Centre was also shortlisted in the top four nominees for Pharma Industry Company of the Year and Partnership Alliance of the Year.

Speaking after the event, Jon O'Halloran, SSPC General Manager, commented:

““We are delighted to have won this award, as it is a great chance to celebrate the unique partnerships within the SSPC. It is a great honour that we, a national research centre, have been

recognised for our continued commitment to this type of collaboration, particularly one that closely engages with industry partners. To win this category for the third time successively is a great honour”.

Since launching in 2014, the Pharma Industry Awards has established itself as the benchmark for excellence for those operating in Ireland's pharma industry. For the fourth year SSPC have been fortunate to win and this year marks the third consecutive year being awarded Pharma Research Centre of the Year.

The SSPC transcends company and academic boundaries and is the largest research collaboration in Ireland, and one of the largest globally, within the pharmaceutical area. The role of the SSPC is to link experienced scientists and engineers in academia and the pharmaceutical industry, to address critical research challenges.

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About the Synthesis and Solid State Pharmaceutical Centre (SSPC)

The Synthesis and Solid State Pharmaceutical Centre (SSPC) is a global hub of pharmaceutical process innovation and advanced manufacturing, funded by Science Foundation Ireland through its Research Centres programme and the pharmaceutical industry. The centre, based at University of Limerick, is a unique collaboration between 22 industry partners, 9 research-performing organisations and 12 international academic collaborators. The SSPC comprises over 150 active researchers and has funding of more than €40 million for six years from mid-2013. This large research collaboration has particular skills in active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) synthesis, purification and crystallisation.