

## **Altacor chair Andy Richards receives BIA lifetime achievement award**

**Cambridge UK, 1 February 2013** – Serial life sciences entrepreneur Dr Andy Richards received the BioIndustry Association (BIA) Lifetime Achievement Award at the Association’s annual Gala Dinner last night.



Presenting Andy with the award, Tim Edwards, BIA Chairman, said:

“Andy Richards is an enthusiast for and champion of UK bioscience. He has established numerous companies that are getting new medicines from an idea to approved products that help patients. He is a true leader in our sector who has continued to put his own money where his mouth is. Finally, and quite possibly most importantly, Andy spends time inspiring school and university students to be entrepreneurial and to consider following a career in an innovative sector, such as life sciences.”

“It is truly gratifying to be honoured by the BIA in this way, and I would like to thank all of those who have worked with me. The UK life-science ecosystem is a tremendous community with the profound capacity to do real good. It punches well above its weight in global impact and has many more successes than are recognised and reported. As we enter the age of biology and personalised medicine it is a great place to be with great people.”

The BIA’s Gala Dinner is the UK’s flagship life sciences networking event. Yesterday’s event was attended by 600 sector stakeholders and raised more than £25,000 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

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### **About Altacor**

Altacor is a specialty ophthalmology company with a portfolio of marketed pharmaceutical products and a diverse development pipeline. The Company’s portfolio is focused on ocular surface diseases, glaucoma/glaucoma surgery and retinal diseases. The Company differentiates its products primarily through formulation or reprofiling existing compounds with established clinical activity and systemic safety.

Altacor has five products marketed in the UK and Ireland which are commercialised through its own sales and marketing organisation and network. Clinitas and Clinitas GEL are prescription products for the treatment of moderate dry eye conditions and are gaining acceptance by clinicians nationwide. The Clinitas range, comprising Clinitas Hydrate, Clinitas Soothe and Clinitas Ultra 3, are also for treating the major causes of dry eye, and are sold to the retail market via pharmacists and opticians.

Altacor is preparing to launch its Blepharitis range of products to loosen and remove Meibomian secretions, which underlie blepharitis. The Company is also developing EYEBAR, an 'AREDS' formula chocolate for the maintenance of healthy vision, for launch in the UK in mid-2013. AREDS is a well-established formula that slows the progression of age-related macular degeneration.