

## **DR. JAMES DAUN HONORED BY PEERS**

Vancouver, British Columbia, April 5, 2007 – Burcon NutraScience Corporation (TSX-V: BU) announced today that Dr. James Daun - special advisor to Burcon - received the Eminent Scientist award for exceptional contributions to canola/rapeseed improvement at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Rapeseed Congress in Wuhan, China on March 27, 2007. Dr. Daun is the 7<sup>th</sup> person and the first non-geneticist to win the award since the first award was made to Dr. Baldur Stefansson in 1987.

Dr. Daun's work on the composition of canola seed, oil and meal and on the development of methods to measure canola quality, especially the use of near infrared spectroscopy to support breeding programs, were cited as his special contributions to the industry. He also received a citation from the Ministry of Agriculture of China presented by the Vice Minister of Agriculture of the Peoples Republic of China for his significant contribution to the development of rapeseed sciences.

The International Rapeseed Award, called “Eminent Scientist Award” was created in 1983 to recognize scientific achievement in the framework of rapeseed research. The Award is presented on the occasion of each International Rapeseed Congress held once every fourth year under the auspices of the GCIRC. GCIRC (International Consultative Group of Research on Rapeseed) has its headquarters in Paris, France and consists of over 100 members from 23 different countries (membership is restricted to a maximum of 8 per country). Previous award winners were:

Dr. Jan Krzymanski (Poland) , in 2003.  
Dr. Gerhard Röbbelen (Germany) in 1999.  
Dr. Keith Downey (Canada) and Dr. Jacques Morice (France) in 1995.  
Dr. Fu Ting Dong (China) in 1991.  
Dr. Baldur Stefansson (Canada) received the first award in 1987.

“We are exceptionally pleased for Jim that he was selected for this prestigious award,” stated Johann F. Tergesen, Burcon’s President & COO who added, “We, along with so many of Jim’s peers, recognize the significant contributions that he has made to the canola industry.”

### About Burcon NutraScience

Burcon is a research and development company developing a portfolio of composition, application, and process patents around its plant protein extraction and purification technology. The goal of Burcon’s research is to develop its patented process to utilize inexpensive oilseed meals for the production of purified plant proteins that exhibit valuable nutritional, functional or nutraceutical profiles. Burcon, in conjunction with Archer Daniels Midland, is currently focusing its efforts on developing the world's first commercial canola proteins, Puratein® and Supertein™. Canola, recognized for its nutritional qualities, is the second-largest oilseed crop in the world after soybeans.

Burcon's goal is to develop Puratein and Supertein to participate with soy, dairy, and egg proteins in the expanding multi-billion-dollar protein ingredient market, with potential uses in prepared foods, nutritional supplements, and personal care products.

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