

**SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL MICROBIOLOGY HONORS VERDEZYNE CSO**

Dr. Stephen Picataggio Awarded SIM Fellowship

**Carlsbad, CA – October 2011** – Verdezyne, Inc. (“Verdezyne”), a privately held company focused on renewable chemicals and fuels, announced that its chief scientific officer, Dr. Stephen Picataggio, has been selected as a “SIM Fellow” by the Society for Industrial Microbiology. Dr. Picataggio was recognized for his distinguished career accomplishments and dedication to the advancement of applied microbiological sciences. The award was presented during the 2011 SIM Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Verdezyne is thrilled to have our CSO receive such a prestigious award,” said Dr. Bill Radany, CEO of Verdezyne. “SIM clearly recognizes Dr. Picataggio’s scientific accomplishments and his significant contributions to the field of industrial microbiology.”

“I was very surprised and flattered to be recognized with this honor, especially considering the previous recipients,” said Dr. Picataggio, CSO of Verdezyne.

At the Annual Meeting, Dr. Thomas Beardslee, director of renewable chemicals, presented Verdezyne’s latest data on its bio-based adipic acid platform. In addition, Dr. Kim Aeling presented Verdezyne’s recent results on the company’s cellulosic ethanol program.

The **Society for Industrial Microbiology (SIM)** is a nonprofit, international association dedicated to the advancement of microbiological sciences, especially as they apply to industrial products, biotechnology, materials, and processes. Founded in 1949, SIM promotes the exchange of scientific information through its meetings and publications, and serves as liaison among the specialized fields of microbiology.

**Dr. Stephen Picataggio**

Dr. Picataggio has more than 30 years of experience in metabolic engineering of industrial microorganisms and developing fermentation processes for the production of fuels and chemicals. Prior to joining Verdezyne, Dr. Picataggio was Vice President of metabolic engineering at Synthetic Genomics, Inc., where he established a metabolic engineering program. He also has held various leadership positions at Dupont, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Henkel/Cognis Corp. He was a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is the recipient of several awards as well as an inventor on more than 45 issued and pending patents. Dr. Picataggio received his Bachelor of Science degree in Bacteriology and Public Health from Wagner College and a Ph.D. in Microbiology from Rutgers University.

**Verdezyne**

Verdezyne is an industrial biotechnology company using proven and proprietary metabolic pathway engineering tools to create unique yeast strains for cost-effective production of bio-based chemicals and fuels. Current investors in Verdezyne include BP Alternative Energy Ventures, DSM Venturing B.V., OVP Venture Partners and Monitor Ventures. For more information on Verdezyne, visit [www.verdezyne.com](http://www.verdezyne.com).

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