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CONGRATULATIONS

Celebrating Science and Success: Congratulations to our 2025 NutraIngredients Awards Winners

Our judges this year sought genuine innovation within the nutra space – products and ingredients that address critical unmet health needs for European consumers. The focus was on solutions that not only support key health goals but also improve everyday wellbeing in meaningful ways. We demanded solid scientific evidence underpinning every application, alongside clear commercial data demonstrating real-world success. Within the Editor's Award for Sustainability Initiative of the Year, we sought nutra solutions that move us closer to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, proving that long-term value creation at the source is not just possible, but happening now.

I'm proud to say the entries delivered on all fronts. The passion to develop products serving the greater good, combined with an unprecedented diversity of offerings, truly stood out. The care for consumers' health and wellbeing was palpable, driving innovation that is finely tuned to specific consumer needs—whether by sex, life stage, or health challenge.

This brochure provides more information about our finalists and the winners of the 2025 NutraIngredients Awards, including our prestigious NutraChampion.

A special tribute goes to our judging panel, whose expertise, integrity, and tireless commitment form the backbone of these awards.

Congratulations to all winners, standing out in this fast-evolving and competitive sector is a testament to your outstanding achievements and commitment.



Ewa Hudson
Chair of Judges,
NutraIngredients Awards
& Director of Insights,
William Reed

OUR JUDGES

The 2025 NutraIngredients Awards were judged by an expert industry panel, chaired by Ewa Hudson, Head of Insights at William Reed.

We would like to extend a big thank you to all our judges for their expertise, time and support.



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INGREDIENT OF THE YEAR: BEAUTY FROM WITHIN

WINNER

Belight^{3™}

Belight^{3™} is a patented oral nutricosmetic solution designed to reduce age- and sun-related hyperpigmentation and dark spots, promoting a more even skin tone. Its synergistic blend of grape seed extract, licorice extract, grape pomace extract, and coated vitamin C targets melanin production at the source by inhibiting tyrosinase activity by 85%. Clinically validated through two gold-standard studies, first on Asian skin and later on Caucasian skin, Belight^{3™} boasts high consumer satisfaction, reinforcing its strong competitive edge in the rapidly expanding beauty and wellness market.

www.activinside.com

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

Belight^{3™} stood out for its thoughtful use of a natural, upcycled ingredient, supported by strong scientific validation. The judges appreciated how it effectively responds to the increasing consumer demand for solutions targeting hyperpigmentation. This innovation reflects a commendable alignment of sustainability, science, and market relevance.



FINALISTS

Cerebiome[®] for Skin

Cerebiome[®] is a well-known, easy-to-formulate psychobiotic, supported by 9 clinical and 11 preclinical studies, with many commercial successes worldwide. An innovative, one-of-a-kind proof-of-concept study by Kassem et al. (2025) has shown that an 8-week oral Cerebiome[®] supplementation resulted in a significant reduction of perceived stress levels and an improvement in sleep quality. Significant improvements in skin parameters have been observed, such as facial skin hydration, reduction in the appearance of wrinkles, enhanced, and increased skin firmness and elasticity.

www.lallemand-health-solutions.com



Beaulixir[®]

Beaulixir[®] is a nutraceutical ingredient targeting hair loss conditions like telogen effluvium, female pattern hair loss, and androgenetic alopecia. Its formula combines six high-quality oily botanical extracts (Borago officinalis, Linum usitatissimum, Triticum vulgare, Serenoa repens, Pinus spp., Secale cereale), rich in Ω -3, Ω -6 and phytosterols. Beaulixir[®] inhibits 5 α -reductase, enhances microcirculation, and reduces inflammation, synergistically promoting follicles health. In vitro, it decreased DHT production, a key factor in hair loss. Clinical trials showed a significant improvement in hair density, youthness, brightness, and strength.

www.roelmihpc.com/portfolio/beaulixir

ROELMI-HPC
Health & Personal Care



INGREDIENT OF THE YEAR: BOTANICAL

WINNER

FenuSmart®

FenuSmart® is a patented fenugreek composition made from *Trigonella foenum graecum* seeds, standardised to deliver potent bioactives through a proprietary, clean extraction process. Backed by five compelling clinical studies, FenuSmart supports hormonal balance before, during, and beyond menopause, while also enhancing sexual health and mood in young menstruating women, empowering women's wellness throughout the lifespan. A clean-label ingredient (organic, halal, kosher, non-GMO, allergen-free, gluten-free, and vegan), FenuSmart is responsibly sourced to uphold the highest ethical and quality standards.

www.akaybioactives.com

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

Fenusmart was chosen as the winner due to its strong research foundation and focus on an important area of need: supporting hormonal balance through the stages of menopause. The solution is highly appealing to the target population, addressing a large audience facing a significant burden with limited effective options. Additionally, Fenusmart aligns with current trends and has demonstrated impressive effects across three clinical trials, further highlighting its potential.



FINALISTS

ElderCraft® European Black Elderberry Extract



ElderCraft® is a clinically proven, full-spectrum European black elderberry extract, standardized to anthocyanins, polyphenols, and fibers. Manufactured via IPRONA's solvent-free Polyphenol Technology (IPT), it preserves the bioactive matrix of the berry. ElderCraft® supports immune defense and gut health, with studies confirming its efficacy in reducing cold symptoms, increasing microbial diversity, and sustaining *Akkermansia* spp. levels. It also demonstrates in vitro antiviral activity against SARS-CoV-2. With vertically integrated European sourcing and scalable formats (powder, liquid), ElderCraft® offers a premium, scientifically substantiated solution for next-gen immune and prebiotic formulations.

www.craft-ingredients.info



Reducose®

Based in Oxford, Phynova, is a British life sciences company with over 20 years of expertise in developing and commercializing science-backed ingredients. Phynova's flagship product, Reducose®, is a unique patented water extract of mulberry leaves. It works in a small dose and has an immediate and significant effect on moderating blood glucose and insulin levels that has been clinically validated in 10+ trials.

www.phynova.com/products/reducose



INGREDIENT OF THE YEAR: HEALTHY AGEING

WINNER



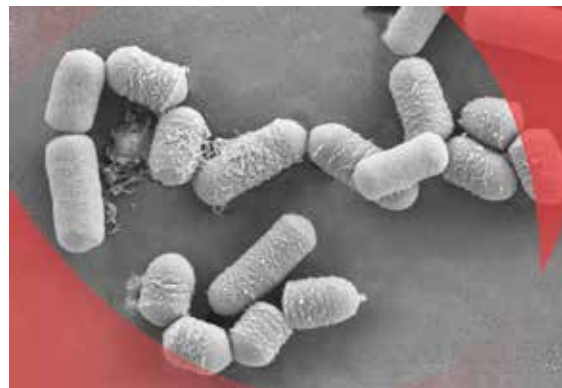
AB-LIFE®

AB-LIFE® is the first probiotic clinically proven to deliver atheroprotective effects, significantly reducing small dense LDL particles and ApoB levels, key risk markers for cardiovascular disease. Supported by over a decade of research and five clinical trials, AB-LIFE stands at the forefront of cardiometabolic innovation. With demonstrated benefits in lipid profile and liver health, it offers both preventive and therapeutic support, making it ideal for individuals with dyslipidemia, obesity, or MASLD. AB-LIFE is a scientifically backed solution for cardiometabolic protection and healthy aging, setting a new standard in probiotic care.

www.ab-biotics.com

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

AB-LIFE® was chosen as a winner due to its substantial clinical evidence over the past decade, demonstrating cardiovascular benefits, standing out as a probiotic. The research holds global potential, addressing an important focus in the cardiovascular field with a unique probiotic application.



AB-LIFE

FINALISTS

Lute-gen®

Lute-gen® is a clinically studied, patent-pending marigold extract (Tagetes erecta) delivering lutein and zeaxanthin to support healthy ageing. Backed by global research, Lute-gen® targets the eye-brain axis, cognitive health, and cellular longevity by reducing telomere shortening, at a cost-effective dose of 10mg lutein & 2mg zeaxanthin. Its versatility across delivery formats, gummies, oral thin films, and more, is driven by robust stability data, enabling seamless formulation even in intensive manufacturing processes.

www.bio-gen.in



UBIQSOME®

UBIQSOME® is a health food ingredient acting as innovative form of coenzyme Q10 thanks to its formulation with Indena Phytosome® technology, a multitasking delivery system acknowledged for its ability in optimizing biological and technological performances of natural ingredients. UBIQSOME® optimizes CoQ10 bioabsorption and delivery to body tissues where you need it the most, being the only ingredient in the market proven to ameliorate both plasmatic and muscle levels of CoQ10 in human after oral supplementation. UBIQSOME® has also evidence of enhanced CoQ10 uptake in dermal cells.

www.indena.com/product/ubiqsome



INGREDIENT OF THE YEAR: MICROBIOME MODULATION

WINNER



Gyntima® Menopause

Gyntima® Menopause is a probiotic specifically designed to support women during menopause by targeting the gut-estrogen axis. Its clinically proven formula modulates the estrobolome, the group of gut bacteria responsible for estrogen metabolism and hormonal balance. In addition, its selected probiotic strains help strengthen the gut barrier and reduce inflammation, addressing key underlying factors of menopausal discomfort. Gyntima Menopause helps reduce symptoms, maintain hormonal balance, and support gut health, empowering women to embrace menopause with confidence and vitality.

www.ab-biotics.com

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

AB-Biotics presented impressive research on Gyntima Menopause, the first probiotic blend shown to maintain oestrogen levels by modulating the estrobolome. With oestrogen essential for various bodily functions, including cardiovascular health, cognitive function, skin elasticity, and mood regulation, Gyntima Menopause offers women a truly innovative natural alternative to hormone replacement therapy (HRT), supporting hormonal balance during the menopausal transition.



Gyntima® Menopause

FINALISTS

BIOintestil®

BIOintestil® is an innovative natural ingredient for dietary supplements with eubiotic activity, created with a patented formulation based on Palmarosa essential oil (*Cymbopogon martinii*), adsorbed onto ginger rhizome powder (*Zingiber officinale*). Based on preclinical studies and clinical trials conducted on patients with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) at the Department of Medical and Surgical Sciences of the University of Bologna and the Department of Clinical and Experimental Sciences at the Spedali Civili of Brescia, in Italy, BIOintestil® has shown to positively modulate the gut microbiota, reduce abdominal bloating, regulate bowel movements, and normalize intestinal functions.

www.tgd.care



IPROBia™ Totipro® Postbiotics PE0301

IPROBia™ Totipro® Postbiotics PE0301 is a scientifically validated ingredient designed to support upper gastrointestinal health, offering comprehensive benefits for both oral and gastric wellness. Clinical studies demonstrate its ability to enhance immunity by increasing saliva IgA levels, optimizing oral microbiota, strengthening mouth and stomach mucosa, and helping to prevent acid reflux. PE0301 possesses anti-bacterial, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant properties, effectively inhibiting harmful pathogens while promoting oral and digestive health. Its unique bioactive composition targets key concerns such as gum disease, oral ulcers, and *H. pylori* infections.

en.glac.com.tw



INGREDIENT OF THE YEAR: MIND & MOOD

WINNER

ProbioBrain™, including Bifidobacterium longum 1714™

ProbioBrain™ with the unique Bifidobacterium longum 1714™ is the first psychobiotic clinically proven to address the interconnected dimensions of mental wellness, allowing customers to harness the incredible power of the gut-brain axis, the complex bidirectional communication network linking the gastrointestinal tract and the brain. Supported by a unique set of proprietary RCT, ProbioBrain™ may help manage everyday stress, balance emotions, improve sleep quality and reduce feelings of low mood, thus enhancing energy and vitality, in line with current consumers' needs and expectations.

www.novonesis.com/en

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

Novonesis' ProbioBrain combines cutting-edge gut-brain research with strong market adoption. Backed by robust clinical evidence and advanced neuroimaging techniques, ProbioBrain enhances sleep, stress resilience, and cognitive function. As a leading psychobiotic, it addresses key consumer health goals in Europe. This recognition solidifies ProbioBrain's position as a reference point in the psychobiotic research.

novonesis



FINALISTS

Cerebiome®

Cerebiome® is a pioneering psychobiotic, supported by robust science with 9 clinical studies and 8 demonstrated modes of action, this innovative ingredient meets the growing consumer demand for improved sleep health. By targeting the microbiota-gut-brain axis, it enhances overall wellbeing by reducing feelings of occasional stress, improving gut comfort, sleep, and skin appearance, and by promoting a healthy mood balance essential for holistic wellbeing.

www.lallemand-health-solutions.com



Safr'Inside™

Safr'Inside™ is a patented, full-spectrum saffron extract clinically proven to support stress, emotional well-being, and sleep. With the highest safranal concentration (0.2% U-HPLC), it enhances relaxation and sleep quality. Activ'Inside's Tech'Care Extraction™ preserves key bioactives, setting it apart from traditional extracts. Patented in 20+ countries, it is the only saffron extract with a European patent. For the first time ever in gummy form, a groundbreaking study on the gut-sleep-brain axis demonstrates ability to modulate gut microbiota, correlating with improved sleep.

www.activinside.com



INGREDIENT OF THE YEAR: SPORTS NUTRITION

WINNER



Weizmannia coagulans BC99

Weizmannia coagulans BC99 (formerly known as Bacillus coagulans) is a clinically validated probiotic strain, with high stability and functional versatility. The outcomes of clinical studies strongly suggest that BC99 is a powerful digestive and metabolic health enhancer, based on its ability to: i) promote a balanced gut microbiota for improved digestion, ii) enhance protein absorption and muscle metabolism, iii) support athletic performance by increasing strength and reducing fatigue, iv) regulate inflammation and immune responses, and v) alleviate chronic constipation and gastrointestinal discomfort. These benefits translate into enhanced physical performance, digestive resilience, and overall well-being.

www.wecare-life.com

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

Supported by eight clinical trials showing enhanced protein absorption and muscle quality, and improvements for stress and anxiety, and backed up by impressive commercial success over the past three years, Weizmannia coagulans BC99 stood out in a competitive category as a strong ingredient with benefits for sports nutrition beyond.



FINALISTS

Metabolaid®

Fuel Performance from Within
with Metabolaid®

Metabolaid® is a patented blend of hibiscus and lemon verbena extracts designed to support healthy metabolism and appetite regulation. Its dual mechanism, supporting GLP-1 levels and activating AMPK helps promote satiety and efficient energy use. Clinically studied in eight human trials, Metabolaid® contributes to weight management goals and supports physical performance and recovery, making it a powerful solution for sports and active lifestyle formulations. Backed by science. Trusted by brands. Gaining global momentum in the sports nutrition market.

www.metabolaid.com



Nutralys S85 Plus

Unveil the power of NUTRALYS® S85 Plus: Roquette's revolutionary pea protein isolate, backed by recent scientific studies. Clinically proven to boost muscle mass, strength, and recovery, this premium plant-based protein meets all the nutritional needs of health-conscious consumers. Perfect for high-protein recipes where high solubility and low viscosity are key—such as ready-to-drink beverages, powder mixes, and bars—it boasts 96% digestibility and top-tier nutritional values (PDCAAS 92, DIAAS 100). Committed to sustainability, NUTRALYS® S85 Plus is sourced from non-GMO crops. It is kosher and halal, and a relevant alternative to whey protein.

www.roquette.com



PRODUCT OF THE YEAR: BEAUTY FROM WITHIN

WINNER

HECH® NADH & Saffron Bioactives Emerald Green Elixir

HECH® NADH & Saffron Bioactives is a pioneer in merging beauty-from-within with longevity nutrition, establishing the foundation for this fast-growing segment across Asia, US, and Europe. Developed by scientists, it's trusted by international press and HECH's global customer base. At its core, NADH and niacinamide work together to support energy production and DNA repair, while marine collagen and elastin peptides improve skin elasticity and hydration. Enriched with saffron, monk's pepper, and spirulina, this blend of bioactives also enhances mood, hormonal balance, and antioxidant defense. The Bi-Phase system preserves sensitive ingredients and increases absorption, setting standards in beauty and longevity care.

www.hech.com

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

HECH® NADH & Saffron Bioactives Emerald Green Elixir was recognised for striking a compelling balance between innovation and its potential to disrupt the market, particularly in the rapidly growing category of longevity-focused products. This entry reflects a keen understanding of evolving consumer interests, underpinned by a strong scientific foundation.



FINALISTS

Skin Structure Formula

Skin Structure Formula is a high-end beauty-from-within supplement designed to enhance skin structure, elasticity, and hydration while reducing wrinkles, cellulite, and skin redness. Unlike topical creams with short-term effects, it works from within, addressing the root causes of skin aging with scientifically validated ingredients. Collagen peptides (VERISOL®) stimulate collagen and elastin production, ceramides reinforce the skin barrier, and hyaluronic acid boosts hydration. Lycopene, rosemary, grapefruit, MSM, and other phytonutrients provide antioxidant protection against oxidative stress and UV damage.

www.morenutrition.de



The Solution Beauty Collagen

The Solution™ Beauty Collagen is a supplement designed to nourish the skin from within. This highly acclaimed beauty collagen improves skin elasticity, smooths the skin, and reduces wrinkles and cellulite. The formula is completely free from additives and comes in a neutral-tasting powder form that can be mixed into any food or drink. Each pack contains 28 daily doses of 2.5 grams. Regular intake of The Solution benefits the entire body by reducing and preventing signs of ageing.

www.osloskinlab.co.uk



PRODUCT OF THE YEAR: BOTANICAL

WINNER

Meloff®

Meloff® is a clinically validated dietary supplement developed to naturally enhance sleep quality, without the side effects or dependency risks associated with traditional sleep aids. Its active ingredient, Melissa Phytosome™ (Relissa™), is a standardized lemon balm extract combined with Indena's Phytosome™ technology to ensure optimal bioavailability and promote relaxation by supporting GABA activity. In clinical trials, 87% of users reported improved sleep, with a 30% reduction in insomnia severity. Meloff® also significantly increased deep sleep (SWS), enhancing restorative rest and daytime performance. Free from gluten and lactose, Meloff® is a safe, effective solution for achieving deep, refreshing sleep, naturally.

www.pharmextracta.com

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

Meloff®, a product based on lemon balm, is supported by several studies, including two randomized controlled trials. Despite having been on the market for less than a year, Meloff® stood out from the other entries for having clinical data on the actual product, and documented benefits for sleep and mental health, both of which are increasingly important categories for consumers.



FINALIST

Calocurb

Calocurb is a patented, clinically proven, affordable, and effective natural GLP-1 activator. In capsule form, it stimulates the body's natural signals to induce satiety and suppress appetite. The active ingredient, Amarasate, is an extract from a specific hop flower. Clinical studies demonstrate a 40% reduction in cravings, a 30% reduction in hunger, and an 18% reduction in calorie intake.

www.calocurb.com



PRODUCT OF THE YEAR: IMMUNE SUPPORT

WINNER

Bactoblis®

Bactoblis® is a clinically proven oropharyngeal probiotic, designed to support immune health by strengthening the mouth and throat's defenses. Backed by over 37 clinical trials and tested in more than 2,600 children, Bactoblis® helps to reduce the occurrence of common upper respiratory infections such as sore throat, tonsillitis, and otitis media. It works by naturally colonizing the oral cavity and producing antimicrobial peptides that block harmful pathogens. Delivered in a convenient daily lozenge, Bactoblis® offers a safe, effective, and antibiotic-free solution for both children and teenagers.

www.bluestone-pharma.com

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

This product had strong scientific foundation and focuses on an important demographic: children and teenagers. It features a probiotic with a unique mucoadhesive delivery system that colonizes the oral cavity and upper respiratory tract, helping prevent and reduce respiratory infections. The product's 11-year market presence with over 250 million doses sold underscores its credibility and impact.

BLUESTONE PHARMA®

LEADERS IN MEDICAL PROBIOTICS



FINALISTS

ABB C1 Defense

ABB C1 Defense is a next-generation postbiotic supplement developed to meet year-round consumer demand for effective, science-backed immune support. It features a patented complex designed to activate trained immunity, reduce the risk of cytokine storms, and support long-term immune resilience. Backed by pre-clinical and clinical studies, ABB C1 Defense has been shown to enhance immune modulation, strengthen infection defense, and improve overall immune response. Enriched with selenium and zinc, it also offers high bioavailability of essential micronutrients to support optimal immune function across all age groups, including vulnerable and immunosenescent individuals.



ImmunBalance

ImmunBalance is an innovative, synergistic blend of clinically proven, natural plant and medicinal mushroom extracts (Ashwagandha KSM-66®, Elderberry Eldercraft®, Andrographis ParActin®, Cistus CIGE-19®, Black cumin, Shiitake, Maitake), postbiotics (BetaVia™, IMMUSE™, LAC-Shield™, L-137™), essential vitamins and trace elements. The individual ingredients support and activate the immune system and have been shown in studies to positively influence the risk, duration and severity of colds.

www.velife.ch

VeLife



PRODUCT OF THE YEAR: MICROBIOME MODULATION

WINNER

Healthy Weight with Glucose Control

Healthy Weight with Glucose Control is a next-generation food supplement powered by pasteurised Akkermansia muciniphila MucT™, a postbiotic shown to support a stronger gut barrier, improved metabolic health, and reduced low-grade inflammation. Enriched with EGCG green tea, vitamin B2, D3, and chromium, it supports weight management, healthy blood sugar levels, and gut lining integrity. The Akkermansia Company offers an evidence-based solution for improved metabolic resilience and overall well-being, and are redefining health from the inside out.

www.theakkermansiacompany.com

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

The Akkermansia Company had researched into Akkermansia muciniphila that is able to advance our understanding of gut microbiota and metabolic health. As 5% of Europe's population regularly uses GLP-1 drugs, pasteurized Akkermansia muciniphila MucT offers a transformative solution by enhancing weight loss alongside GLP-1 drugs, reducing required dosages, and mitigating side effects. It also addresses the critical issue of weight regain post-dieting. This heat-inactivated probiotic strain helps maintain normal blood glucose levels and supports healthy mucous membranes.



The
Akkermansia
Company™

FINALISTS

Dentoblis®

Dentoblis® is an oropharyngeal probiotic specifically formulated for individuals with braces, where maintaining oral health is more challenging. Dentoblis® supports the natural balance of the oral microbiome, helping to reduce the buildup of harmful bacteria often associated with plaque, bad breath, and gum inflammation. By modulating the oral microbiome, it strengthens the mouth's natural defenses and promotes healthier conditions during orthodontic treatment, offering a safe, natural, and effective solution for these patients.

www.bluestone-pharma.com



iNatal®

iNatal® is a clinically studied probiotic formulation designed to reduce the risk of genitourinary infections and premature rupture of membranes (PROM) during pregnancy. It contains four scientifically selected strains—Enterococcus faecium L3, Bifidobacterium BB-12®, L. casei R0215, and L. lactis SP38—offering targeted action on the vaginal and intestinal microbiota. In clinical trials, iNatal® significantly lowered the incidence of PROM, antibiotic use, and positive vaginal-rectal swabs. It also improved intestinal health, reducing bloating, dysbiosis, and permeability. Gluten- and lactose-free, iNatal® provides safe, organ-specific microbial support for expectant mothers through the second and third trimesters.

www.pharmextracta.com



PharmExtracta[®] iPA

PRODUCT OF THE YEAR: SPORTS NUTRITION

WINNER



Perfect Base

Set the foundation for personal bests, with ESN Perfect Base. As the world's first company, we use innovative bioactive endurance peptides to help you optimise your performance. Plant extracts, Amino Acids, Creatine, and more ensure better oxygenation and regeneration, perfect hydration, and nutrient supply.

www.esn.com

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

A supplement for endurance athletes is a welcome addition to the market. Perfect Base is an interesting formulation, combining collagen, creatine, amino acids and plant extracts that has experienced rapid market success during its first year on the market reinforces its performance credibility.



FINALISTS

Cardio Peak™

Cardio Peak™ is formulated with a clinically studied extract of arjuna bark to promote two important aspects of cardiovascular health: the strength of your heart, and how efficiently it pumps your blood. Studies also show that standardised arjuna supports your cardiovascular endurance and helps to reduce fatigue while you're exercising. Your heart: it's the most important muscle in your body. Help keep it strong with Cardio Peak™ from Life Extension.

www.lifeextension.com



Greens & Protein

Greens & Protein is a combination of healthy greens and bioavailable plant protein, supporting vitality, muscle maintenance and regeneration after exercise with an alkalizing blend of phytonutrient-dense vegetables and easily digestible protein. The leafy greens barley grass, spinach, broccoli, spirulina, wheat grass, kale and chlorella are amongst the most alkaline superfoods and rich in chlorophyll and beneficial flavonoids and carotenoids. An innovative combination of fava bean, rice, and chickpea protein offers a complete plant based protein with an amino acid profile and biological value similar to whey protein.

www.lifeextensioneurope.com/brands/vitalized

> Vitalized



EDITOR'S AWARD FOR SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

WINNER



inavea™ caring by nature

inavea™ caring by nature is Nexira's carbon-neutral brand of organic and sustainable ingredients, aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: 13-Climate action, 15-Life on land, 17-Partnerships for the goals and 5-Gender equity. The brand includes organic-certified references and emphasizes preserving natural resources, supporting local communities, and achieving a carbon-neutral footprint. Nexira is poised to provide carbon-neutral ingredients, paving the way for customers to achieve zero-emission goals in their finished products. In addition, as a prebiotic fiber range, inavea™ offers distinctive and proven gut health benefits for Supplements and nutritional Foods & Beverages.

www.nexira.com

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

Inavea™ Caring by Nature, represents a gold standard in sustainability, combining environmental protection, social equity, and proven health benefits. Aligned with four UN SDGs: Climate Action (13), Life on Land (15), Partnership for the Goals (17), and Gender Equality (5), Inavea™ Caring by Nature contributes to the Great Green Wall, restoring Africa's degraded landscapes and transforming millions of lives in the Sahel. As the world's first carbon-neutral acacia fiber, Inavea combines sustainable acacia sourcing with measurable outcomes. Having empowered 28,000 producers, 30% of whom were women, Inavea's ambitious commitment to double these targets by 2030 proves that creating long-standing value at the source is within our reach.



FINALISTS

GUARABEST - Guarana Agronomy Project

The GUARABEST initiative, launched in 2019 and led by the Givaudan Agronomy team, enhances the sustainability of the Guarana supply chain in Brazil. Engaging 240 farmers from two cooperatives, it promotes good agricultural practices and regenerative agriculture, ensuring traceability and quality. The initiative also supports local communities through literacy and sanitation programs. By fostering environmental resilience and economic stability, GUARABEST exemplifies Givaudan's commitment to sustainable sourcing and community development.

www.givaudan.com

Givaudan



Upcycle your whey to value

Nutrilac® FO-7875, formally referred to as Nutrilac® ProteinBoost, enables dairies to upcycle acid whey, a traditionally discarded byproduct into high-protein, spoonable yoghurts, beverages, and desserts. Its unique microparticulated whey proteins withstand low pH, high-heat processing, and ambient storage, offering a game-changing solution for sustainable dairy innovation. By reducing viscosity by up to two-thirds compared to standard milk proteins, it ensures superior texture and shelf stability. Launched under the 'Upcycle your whey to value' concept, this initiative supports global sustainability goals by reducing food waste, cutting emissions, and delivering nutritious, consumer-friendly products.

www.arlafoodsingredients.com



INNOVATION IN WOMEN'S HEALTH

WINNER

Probi® Female – a combination of LP299V® and Iron

With Probi® Female, Probi offer one of the most scientifically backed solutions for female health, targeting the number one health concern uniting women all over the world. The concept offers an easy solution for all women of childbearing age, to pregnant women and other more sensitive female populations such as vegetarians and vegans. As the concept not only provides a faster and more efficacious iron absorption and restoration of iron stores, but also decreases the risk of all of the common side effects coupled to conventional iron supplements, there is a clear benefit for every woman with this ingredient.

www.probi.com

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

Probi® Female takes a unique probiotic approach to reducing iron deficiency. This novel solution combines L. plantarum 299V with iron, enhancing absorption and reducing side effects, as scientifically proven in extensive clinical trials. With over 30% of women affected by iron deficiency, Probi® Female addresses a critical unmet need, offering a more effective and tolerable iron supplement that empowers women to feel their best.



probi
Biotics Reimagined

FINALISTS

Genante®

Genante® is an innovative fertility supplement developed through collaboration between the R&D department of S&R Farmaceutici and leading Italian universities and clinics. Genante® is a unique product based on patented ingredients designed to work synergistically, backed by preclinical and clinical studies published in prestigious scientific journals. Genante® enhances natural fertility and supports assisted reproductive techniques in the IVF setting. In response to the growing social issue of infertility, Genante offers a comprehensive solution to empower women to improve their reproductive health and help couples to enhance their chances of conception, supporting their fertility journey.

www.srfarmaceutici.it/en



Lifenol™ Naturally supporting menopausal symptoms and bone health

Women want to age gracefully. Lifenol™ can help. Bothersome symptoms of menopause can have a negative impact on a woman's quality of life. These symptoms include hot flashes, night sweating and sleep disturbances. Lifenol™ is a natural, low dose hops extract which has been shown to improve symptoms of menopause in two separate published clinical studies. What's more, Lifenol™ continues delivering healthy ageing benefits even after symptoms of menopause may have abated as it has been clinically shown to improve bone mineral density in women with osteopenia in a recent published clinical study.

www.healthnutritionhub.givaudan.com/ingredients/lifenol

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NUTRITION RESEARCH PROJECT

WINNER

Wellmune Innate Immune Trainer Research (Optimized Dry Blood Spot Methodology to Evaluate the Efficacy of Wellmune® a 1,3/1,6 Postbiotic Beta-Glucan for Innate Immune Training)

Wellmune, Kerry's proprietary yeast beta-glucan postbiotic, is the first ingredient clinically studied as an oral trainer of the innate immune system. In this study, a novel method was used allowing the collection of dried blood spot (DBS) samples without disrupting natural rhythms. From DBS, researchers analyzed over 500 mRNA biomarkers related to immune function. They identified 16 mRNA markers uniquely improved by Wellmune supplementation following strenuous exercise, reflecting trained innate immunity. This innovative approach supports Wellmune's role in immune health with strong scientific evidence and user-friendly, non-invasive testing methods.

supplements.kerry.com/proactive-health

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

This research project outlines a new minimally invasive methodology, developed and validated one step at a time with clear potential and applicability for a wide range of nutritional interventions. While dry blood spot methods are not entirely new, this particular project's use of mRNA-based immune biomarker tracking in nutrition research is novel and adds a unique angle to the study.

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FINALISTS

Advancing Safety and Efficacy in High-Risk Botanicals: A Comprehensive Research Portfolio

For over six years, SGS Nutrasource has conducted clinical research on high-risk botanicals such as Kratom, CBD, and Kava, addressing critical gaps in safety, regulation, and public health. With studies spanning over 10 products, this portfolio provides vital data to support long-term safety and guide responsible innovation. Key impacts include: defining pharmacokinetics for safe dosing, informing regulatory frameworks in under-regulated markets, and equipping developers with actionable insights for evidence-based product development in the nutraceutical industry.

www.nutrasource.ca

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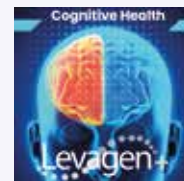


Formulated Palmitoyletha- nolamide Supplementation Improves Parameters of Cognitive Function and BDNF Levels in Young, Healthy Adults: A Randomised Cross-Over Trial

The research conducted on Levagen®+, a branded Palmitoylethanolamide (PEA) ingredient, continues to prove its support for healthy aging, particularly for cognitive function. This pioneering research has shown that Levagen®+ significantly improves brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), a vital neurotrophic marker essential for maintaining normal neuronal function and is linked to better memory, learning, and cognitive abilities. Levagen®+ meets the growing demand for clinically proven, natural ingredients that support brain health and cognitive function.

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MARKETING INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

WINNER

valerie

Peri-Paradox campaign

In a category often overlooked or reduced to whispers, we set out to create disproportionate attention - loud, unfiltered, and impossible to ignore. Perimenopause is a contradiction, hot and cold, wired and exhausted, furious and forgetful, all at once. Using raw, unflinchingly real content, we highlighted the dualities of perimenopause in a way that resonated deeply with our audience. The campaign made our customers feel seen. It sparked conversation, drove engagement, and cemented Valerie as a brand that gets it. We created a movement that felt bigger than our size and one that women wanted to be part of.

WHAT THE JUDGES SAID:

Raising awareness about perimenopause and menopause is crucial for women's wellbeing. We commend Valerie for their innovative marketing initiative, Peri-Paradox, which creatively challenges societal norms, breaks taboos, and encourages more open discussions about menopause. Campaigns like Peri-Paradox are essential in helping women thrive at any age.



NUTRACHAMPION

WINNER

Prof. Francesco Di Pierro

Francesco has revolutionized nutraceutical and microbiome science, evidenced by developing award-winning precision probiotic formulations, having over 250 peer reviewed papers and written over 400 scientific articles. He's trained thousands of professionals through CME-accredited courses helping medical practitioners to better understand the role of nutraceuticals in clinical settings, differentiate high-quality formulations from ineffective products and provide patients with science-backed recommendations. Francesco's work raised public awareness, contributing significantly to improved gut health and reduced antibiotic reliance. He has received multiple recognitions for his groundbreaking work in nutraceuticals, probiotics, and microbiota research, among them being:

- "Who's Who in the World" (28th Edition) - Acknowledging his global scientific impact.
- "Shield of Honour" from Liaquat University (2021) - Recognising his contributions to clinical nutraceutical research.
- The French Society of Cosmetology (2020) - Honouring his innovations in dermatological nutraceuticals.

Francesco is the scientific director of Pharmextracta and is affiliated with the University of Insubria and Velleja Research. His innovative approach bridges science, industry, and public well-being, making him a true and well deserved NutraChampion!



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www.NutraingredientsAsia-Awards.com



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www.SportsNutritionSummit-USA.com