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## **Hygiena's Innovate Autosampler III named Product of the Year at Applied Microbiology International Awards 2022**

**Camarillo, California (December 6th, 2022)** — The [Innovate Autosampler III](#) from Hygiena® has been named Product of the Year at the Applied Microbiology International Awards in a glittering ceremony at London's Science Museum on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Organised by Applied Microbiology International, the awards celebrate the brightest minds in the field and promote the research, groups, projects, products and individuals who are shaping the future of applied microbiology.

The guest of honour was Professor Sir Jonathan Van-Tam MBE, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for the Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences at the University of Nottingham who was named an Honorary Fellow at the prestigious event.

The Product of the Year Award was presented to food safety testing leader Hygiena for its product, the [Innovate Autosampler III](#). A walk-away automatic system used to expedite product sampling efficiency, the Innovate Autosampler III offers a fully digital interface intuitive for the operator and ready for future generations of software, with industry 4.0 components that provide increased safety and operational efficiency, giving real-time feedback about system operations.

Described as the next generation of product quality automation, the Innovate Autosampler III is purpose-built for Hygiena's Innovate Microbial Screening system. The machine is capable of sampling up to 2,000 samples per hour and can handle any format of sample cartons, while onboard homogenization reduces the time required in the Innovate System to increase laboratory efficiency.

Its high-capacity components enable the system to run without interruption, enabling the users to 'walk away' and focus on more important activities.

Hygiena is a global leader in rapid diagnostic tests, providing solutions that are reliable, easy to use and accurate, backed by industry-leading customer service and support.

The company is headquartered in Camarillo, California with numerous offices and customer application centres in the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia and also partners with more than 180 distributors in more than 100 countries worldwide.

Hygiena's mission is to develop, produce and provide best-in-class One Health diagnostics solutions from farm to fork to its global customer base and is one of the few organisations in the world to uniquely focus on food safety throughout the value chain.

The winners of the four awards categories were chosen from a hotly contested field featuring nominations from more than 30 countries.

The event was also an opportunity to officially announce a major rebrand for Applied Microbiology International (previously Society for Applied Microbiology) following an intensive 12-month strategic

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review. The new brand reflects the organisation's status as a global community of microbiologists who have come together to advance scientific impact in the field.

### **Hygiena – We create innovative diagnostics for a healthier world**

#### **About Hygiena**

At Hygiena, our mission is to develop, produce and provide best-in-class One Health diagnostics solutions from farm to fork to our global customer base. We are one of the few organizations in the world to uniquely focus on food safety throughout the value chain. We maintain the belief that the health of people is closely connected to the health of animals in our shared environment. Our molecular rapid tests and analysis tools for food and beverage safety, veterinary diagnostics, and environmental monitoring help prevent illness, save lives, and contribute to making the world a safer place. As the global leaders in rapid diagnostic tests, we provide solutions that are reliable, easy to use and accurate, backed by industry-leading customer service and support. With a sizeable global presence, Hygiena is headquartered in Camarillo, California with numerous offices and customer application centers in the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. We also partner with over 180 distributors in more than 100 countries worldwide. Learn more about us at [www.hygiena.com](http://www.hygiena.com).

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#### **About AMI**

Applied Microbiology International (AMI) is the oldest microbiology society in the UK and with more than half of its membership outside the UK, is truly global, serving microbiologists based in universities, private industry and research institutes around the world. AMI provides funding to encourage research and broad participation at its events and to ensure diverse voices are around the table working together to solve the sustainability development goals it has chosen to support. AMI publishes a leading industry magazine, *The Microbiologist*, and in partnership with Wiley and Oxford University Press, publishes six internationally acclaimed journals. It gives a voice to applied microbiologists around the world, amplifying their collective influence and informing international, evidence-based, decision making. Professor Jonathan Van-Tam is Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Nottingham. He was Deputy Chief Medical Officer from October 2017 to March 2022, playing important roles in a number of different incidents, including domestic outbreaks of MERS and monkeypox, 2017 to 2018 influenza season and most notably the response to the novichok attacks and the COVID-19 pandemic where he worked on the Vaccine Taskforce and supported the development of treatments.

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