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Fresenius Inventors' Fair 2006: Fresenius Group supports researchers and inventors

From November 15th to 18th, researchers, developers and inventors will once again be invited by the Fresenius Health Care Group to present their ideas at the Fresenius Inventors' Fair in conjunction with the world's largest medical trade fair MEDICA in Dusseldorf. The exhibitors with the three best ideas will be recognized by the Health Care Group with the Fresenius Inventor's prize worth 10,000 Euro in total. Registration for the 9th Fresenius Inventors' Fair is now open.

The Fresenius Inventors' Fair offers exhibitors the opportunity to present their developments to a large professional audience and to the industry as a whole. Fresenius' aim is to assist researchers in finding companies who can further develop their ideas or bring them to the market. This ensures that the inventions benefit the maximum number of patients instead of, as is often the case, disappearing into a drawer somewhere. The experience of previous participants has shown that many researchers at past Inventors' Fair are able to successfully make contact with companies. Last year, there were more than 137,000 guests at MEDICA from Germany and abroad.

Fresenius will provide 20 selected participants with exhibition space and stands free of charge. Applicants with inventions that are truly innovative and have reached a certain stage of development have the best chances of being awarded an exhibition space. A jury of industry professionals will select the winners of the Inventors' Prize and the prizes will be awarded to the winners at his or her stand on the opening day of the trade fair. In the past, participants have included doctors and researchers from institutes of higher education as well as engineers, students, nurses, caregivers as well as patients and their families.

Interested developers and inventors can download application forms at www.fresenius-erfindermesse.de or can request them from:

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