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Agricultural Research Service Scientists Win Award

The Mid-Atlantic Region of the Federal Laboratory Consortium this year presented the Regional Excellence in Technology Transfer Award to William Golde and Luis Rodriguez, Microbiologists, Plum Island Animal Disease Center, Agricultural Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture for their work on "Humane Device for Bleeding Mice." Also instrumental to this work was Peter Gollobin, President, MEDIpoin Corporation.

In medical research, it is often necessary to take blood samples from mice. The typical techniques for taking these blood samples are awkward and traumatic. Now, a solution has been found. A tiny, new lancet was designed that precisely penetrates the skin to a shallow, pre-determined depth. This allows for a quick, repeatable process and is essentially painless for the mice. The lancet comes with different point lengths for different size mice. With this new device, technicians can easily take blood samples with only brief training in technique and with very little discomfort to the mice.

One of the most coveted awards in the field of technology transfer, the FLC awards for Excellence in Technology Transfer recognize laboratory employees who have accomplished outstanding work in the process of transferring Federally-developed technology to the marketplace. The award was made on September 15 at the region's annual meeting.

The Federal Laboratory Consortium is comprised of the technology transfer offices of all of the Federal laboratories throughout the country while its Mid-Atlantic Region focuses on the 70 Federal laboratories in DC, DE, MD, PA, VA and WV.