Announcement of TiE Ohio's "International Entrepreneurs" Award Winners for 2010



September 27, 2010 - TiE Ohio (The International Entrepreneur) presented its International Entrepreneur Awards Ceremony last

week where approximately two hundred attendees celebrated local and foreign born entrepreneurs. The awards were created to recognize the achievements of international entrepreneurs and businesses helping to reshape and rebuild Ohio's business landscape and to highlight how international entrepreneurs contribute to the local economy.

Baiju Shah, President of BioEnterprise and Co-Chair of TiE Ohio, welcomed the audience by highlighting the importance of TiE Ohio in building an ecosystem of immigrant and internationally-minded entrepreneurs. Celebrating the triumphs of local entrepreneurs, like Monte Ahuja, helps to inspire others and promote an entrepreneurial culture.

The Awards Committee, led by

Radhika Reddy from Ariel Ventures, considered various factors in the selection process, including nominees' U.S. and international sales, number of jobs created, innovation in starting a business, and involvement and leadership in the community.

Winners of the award in four categories were announced at the ceremony. Ellis Yan (Technical Consumer Products) won in the Immigrant Entrepreneur category (an immigrant entrepreneur who has launched a successful business in Ohio). Other finalists were Jeeva Akr from Electron Database Corp and Dr. Hiroyuki Fujita from Quality Electrodynamics.

Marlin Younker from US Endoscopy won in the International Entrepreneur category (an American-born entrepreneur who has expanded their business internationally). Other finalists were A.J. Hyland from Hyland Software and Al Miller from Miller Weldmaster.

The winner in the Foreign Direct Investment category (an international business that has

Technologies.

In addition to this year's finalists, Alan Schonberg, Co-Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Management Recruiters International, and Maria Pujana, M.D. President of Marise Jewelry Designs were presented with the TiE Community Catalyst Award for their efforts to make the

region more globally connected. Mr. Schonberg stressed the importance of welcoming immigrant entrepreneurs to the region to help revive the economy.

Keynote speaker Monte Ahuja, Chairman and CEO of MURA Holdings LLC, talked about the power of connections and shared his personal success

The International En-

TiE Ohio Charter Member and Board Member Keithley Instruments was announced as the win-trepreneurs (TiE) Ohio is an organization of enner. Other finalists were Steris and Veyance trepreneurs who connect, network, and mentor globally to create the next generation of successful entrepreneurs. TiE Ohio is the 50th chapter of the global TiE network. Founded in Silicon Valley by immigrant tech entrepreneurs, TiE has 55 chapters around the globe. TiE is now the world's largest organization for fostering entrepreneurship; its members include some of the



world's most well-known entrepreneurs. TiE Ohio is poised to fulfill a critical niche in Northeast Ohio's business development landscape by focusing specifically on immigrant and minority entrepreneurs within the region, and by encouraging other such entrepreneurs to consider NEO as a place to launch their new businesses. TiE Ohio provides focused support to entrepreneurs through mentoring,

networking, and business educa tion program ming. Visit us a www.tieohio.org





established and expanded its business operations in Ohio) is Philips Healthcare. Other finalists were Roechling Glastic Composites and TATA Consulting Services.

In the Ohio international business category (an Ohio-headquartered multinational business that expanded its business globally)

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