



The Native Antigen Company wins ‘The Best COVID-19 Responder’ at OBN 2020 Awards

Oxford, UK, 14 June 2021: The Native Antigen Company, part of LGC Clinical Diagnostics and one of the world’s leading suppliers of reagents that enables research into diagnostics and vaccines for emerging and endemic infectious diseases, won ‘The Best COVID-19 Responder’ at OBN 2020 Awards. The award recognises the Company’s outstanding contribution to the fight against COVID-19.

The Native Antigen Company has utilised its expertise in developing high-quality reagents to play a major role in the global response to SARS-CoV-2. In February 2020, The Native Antigen Company was amongst the first companies to make SARS-CoV-2 antigens commercially available for researchers developing diagnostics and vaccines to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. In April last year, it partnered with OXGENE to scale COVID-19 antigen production to further support the development of diagnostic kits and vaccine development. Following this, the Company introduced a range of SARS-CoV-2 specific antibodies and a neutralisation assay development kit, which enables the identification and assessment of antibodies for SARS-CoV-2 variants for diagnostic, vaccine and therapeutic research. It now offers a growing range of reagents to support research into the coronaviruses, including antigens, antibodies, receptors enzymes and custom development services, further expanding its offering to support research and development of technology to fight COVID-19.

The OBN awards seek to commend companies at all stages of development, recognising inspirational leadership, exciting innovation, novel and inspiring approaches to unmet clinical need, outstanding company progression and the delivery of real-life tangible results.

Dr Nick Roesen, Chief Operating Officer, The Native Antigen Company, said: *“To be recognised by this prestigious award is testament to our hard work and progress over the past year. Central to stemming the transmission of disease is the availability of high-quality reagents for diagnosis, antibody testing and the development of safe and effective vaccines. Our commitment to supplying vital reagents, especially in such challenging and unprecedented times, is a proud achievement. We look forward to continuing this work to expand our support for infectious disease research.”*

The award was presented to Dr Nick Roesen, Chief Operating Officer, The Native Antigen Company at the OBN Awards ceremony, held at the Royal Lancaster in London on 11 June.

For further information about The Native Antigen Company, please visit:
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Dr Nick Roesen, Chief Operating Officer at The Native Antigen Company



Dr Nick Roesen (left) accepting the award for 'The Best COVID-19 Responder' at OBN 2020 Awards

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About The Native Antigen Company thenativeantigencompany.com

The Native Antigen Company is one of the world's leading suppliers of reagents that enable research into vaccine development and diagnostics for emerging and endemic infectious diseases. The Native Antigen Company specialises in the development and manufacture of native and recombinant viral and bacterial antigens, antibodies and immunoassays, alongside bespoke product development and custom manufacturing using its proprietary mammalian cell expression system.

The Native Antigen Company's team has decades of experience in the isolation and purification of native antigens and high-yield mammalian cell expression systems, ensuring conformity to native type. The Company's high-quality reagents have been widely adopted by leading pharmaceutical, *in vitro* diagnostic assay manufacturers, and academic groups in cutting-edge vaccine research and serology, where correct folding and glycosylation are vital.

The Native Antigen Company prides itself on an ethical and sustainable approach, exemplified by its use of 100% renewable energy and recycled packaging wherever possible, and building honest and transparent relationships with its customers and collaborators.

Founded in 2010, The Native Antigen Company is located in Oxford (UK) and has a global network of distributors.

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About LGC Clinical Diagnostics <https://www.lgcgroup.com/who-we-serve/healthcare/clinical-diagnostics/>

LGC's Clinical Diagnostics Division develops and manufactures a comprehensive portfolio of catalog and custom-developed diagnostic quality solutions and component materials for the extended life

sciences industry. We partner with IVD assay developers, and pharmaceutical, CRO and academic institutions in commercialization activities across the entire diagnostic pipeline - from concept and early stage research, through expedited product development and onwards into routine clinical use. Laboratorians and diagnostic professionals across disciplines of clinical chemistry, immunochemistry, serology, molecular diagnostics and clinical genomics rely on LGC's products to support accurate and reliable diagnostic results.

Our operating entities include SeraCare Life Sciences and Maine Standards Company, which are *in vitro* diagnostics (IVD) manufacturers of quality measurement tools (calibrators, controls, linearity, EQA/PT, biological materials) and the Native Antigen Company, which is a manufacturer and supplier of viral antigens. Our 300+ employees operate FDA-registered and ISO 13485-accredited facilities in Maine, Massachusetts and Maryland, USA, and an ISO 9001-accredited facility in Oxford, UK.