

Dianova International receives the award for the Best University-Business Collaboration Initiative on training issues

Castelldefels, 10 July 2002 – In its fifth year, the prize for the Best University-Business Initiative, awarded by the Bosch i Gimpera Foundation together with the University of Barcelona, has gone to Dianova International, a non-profit Association that specialises in tackling the preventive, therapeutic and educational aspects of substance abuse. The prize awards ceremony will take place on 18 July in the gardens of the Palau de les Heures.

A large majority of the jury voted for Dianova International, highlighting the important transformation that this organisation has undergone since it started up its process of change in 1998. During that period, aware of the constant change in consumption patterns, the Organisation decided to adapt its care provisions to these new trends and to the modernisation of International Policies on drugs issues.

Within this process of change, Dianova International considered it fundamental to retain its human capital, and to commit to the development of skills. It was clear that quality training would have an essential role as a catalyst in this process and would allow Dianova to continue maintaining its outstanding position in the International Substance Abuse Care Networks.

Montserrat Rafel, president of the Association, comments: “After four years of intensive training, we have confirmed with satisfaction that our decision to commit to people’s skills and capacity to grow through knowledge has paid off. This endeavour has now been sealed with the winning of this award, which we would like to share with all the people who have made it possible. “

Dianova International is made up of associations and organisations from Europe and America who are ordinary and affiliate members.

It supports these organisations with different internal consulting services, which include the design, implementation and assessment of programmes, research activities and training as well as the financing of projects. The international projection of the organisation is backed by the development of its activities in the following countries: Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Finland, Germany, Israel, Italy, Mexico, Nicaragua, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States and Uruguay.

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