



THE CREAM OF THE QUEBEC FOOD INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED AT THE 2015 DUX GALA

Montreal—The third edition of the DUX Gala took place on Wednesday, January 21. Broadcast live from Bonsecours Market on the FOODINFO.TV website, the event was hosted by presenter Marie-Soleil Michon and food marketing expert Jordan Lebel. In all, 17 prizes and three honourable mentions were awarded to companies offering better food products or menu options as well as organizations that ran communication campaigns or other initiatives focused on healthier eating.

Over 400 food industry professionals took part in the event, which brought together top leaders throughout the production chain (producers, processors, retailers, distributors, restaurants, food service providers, NPOs, institutions, etc.).

"The DUX Gala provides an opportunity for everyone to get together, give each other a pat on the back and continue their work in encouraging the public to make healthier eating choices. We would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to all the producers, advertisers, communicators, distributors and retailers who have chosen to embody the values of DUX by making well-being and healthy habits a central part of their development and initiatives," noted Lyne Gosselin, DUX program spokesperson and president of EDIKOM.

Awards were handed out to companies and organizations in three broad categories: Products, Communications and Projects. A new feature this year was the presentation of WINNING PRECURSORS awards to companies that have successfully distinguished themselves for more than two years by setting new standards thanks to the quality of a product or service they offer. In partnership with the Fondation J. Daniel Lachance, EDIKOM—the company behind the DUX initiative—also awarded a \$1,000 grant to an up-and-coming organization whose work and goals are aligned with those of the DUX program.

Entries submitted to the contest were judged by a separate jury made up of renowned food industry professionals for each category. To learn more about the members of the three juries, please visit the DUX program website.

The 2015 DUX Gala finalists and winners are as follows:

PRODUCTS Category

Improved Food Product: Small or medium Entreprise

WINNING PRECURSOR: Unisoya – Marinated Tofus **WINNER**: Sélection du pâtissier – Nos équilibrés desserts **FINALIST**: Solution Saveur Santé – Nutri-fibres bread

Improved Food Product: Large Company

WINNING PRECURSOR: General Mills Canada Corporation - Cheerios (32% less sodium)

WINNER: Arctic Gardens – Vegetables Mix

FINALIST: Bridor – 7 French Traditionnal Breads **FINALIST**: Piller's Fine Foods – Pillers simply free



New Food Product: Small or Medium Entreprise

WINNING PRECURSOR: La Fourmi bionique – Gourmets Granolas

WINNER: Kilo solution - Lean Snack

FINALIST: Industrie gastronomique Cascajares - Boîte festive de dinde

New Food Product: Large Company

WINNER: Olymel – Flamingo Quisine

New Menu: Small or Medium Entreprise

WINNING PRECURSOR: Spa Eastman - Tonic Menu

Ingredients and Technology: Small or Medium Entreprise

WINNER: NOVIDEV SANTÉ ACTIVE – VEGETALE INTELLIGENCE

FINALIST: Kefiplant – For its Herbal Fermentation Bioprocess

COMMUNICATIONS Category

Food Production, Transformation or Distribution: Large Company

WINNER: Sobeys Quebec – For the campain The Joy of Eating Better

FINALIST: General Mills Canada Corporation - For the campain World without Dieting - Multi-Grain Cheerios

FINALIST: Metro – For the campain My Healthy Plate with Metro

Restaurant and Food Services: Large company

SPECIAL MENTION: MTY - Tutti Frutti - For the campain Tutti Frutti takes care of you!

Corporate Association

WINNER: Association québécoise de la distribution de fruits et légumes (Quebec Produce Marketing Association) – For the campain Eat more fruits and vegetables, one serving at a time... one meal at a time!

PROJECTS Category

Non-profit Organizations

WINNING PRECURSOR: Réseau des services à la petite enfance de l'est du Québec – For the project À nos marmites: 1, 2, 3,... Santé!

WINNER: La tablée des chefs – For the project Les brigades culinaires



FINALIST: Association québécoise de la distribution de fruits et légumes (Quebec Produce Marketing Association) – For the Mandoline Fun kit

FINALIST: Dietitians of Canada - For the site and application Cookspiration/Cuisinidées

SPECIAL MENTION: Défi Jeunesse Québec inc. - For Moissonneurs Solidaires

Institutions

WINNER: Institute of Nutrition and Functional Foods by Université Laval - For the daycamp Aliment'Terre

FINALIST: Concordia University - For its Healthy Executive modul of the John Molson School Executive MBA

FINALIST: Cégep Vanier – For improving the menu of the cafeteria

Commercial Food Entreprise: Large Company

SPECIAL MENTION: Loblaw Companies ltd. – For the elimination of flavorings and artificial colors of all 4000 President's Choice products.

Public Vote: Products Category

Kilo Solution – Lean snacks

Public Vote: Communications Category

Sobeys Quebec - The Joy of Eating Better

Public Vote: Projects Category

 $EPICURE^{TM}$ – Good Food. Real Fast.

EDIKOM Price (in collaboration with Fondation J.Daniel Lachance) - \$1000

Réseau des services à la petite enfance de l'est du Québec - À nos marmites: 1, 2, 3... Santé!

TO VIEW THE 2015 DUX GALA, GO TO FOODINFO.TV TO SEE PHOTOS OF THE EVENT, GO TO PROGRAMME DUX.COM

WHAT ARE DUX AND EDIKOM?

DUX is a program that aims to motivate and mobilize initiatives that contribute in improving the health of young people and their families through food. The DUX Contest and Gala evening were put in place to promote the leading companies in the sector, as well as the people and organizations that help consumers eat better. The DUX program is organized by EDIKOM, a well known media group in Quebec's agri-food industry. (LE must, L'actualité ALIMENTAIRE, FOODINFO.TV, Le Magasin Général and LES PRIX GAÏA).



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