



News Release

Bayer Corporation
P.O. Box 390
Shawnee, KS 66201-0390

For more information:
Bob Walker
Director of Communications and Public Policy
913.268.2577
bob.walker.b@bayer.com

Bayer scientist honored for invention of animal protectant

Leawood resident one of five global recipients of Otto Bayer Medal

SHAWNEE, Kan., (March, 2006) – Kansas resident and Bayer researcher Dr. Robert G. Arther was awarded the company’s prestigious Otto Bayer Medal for the development of an innovative product that protects dogs and cats against parasites. The bi-annual award was presented to five recipients selected from 350 Bayer companies and more than 93,000 employees worldwide.

“I am honored and humbled to receive the Otto Bayer Medal,” Dr. Arther commented after receiving the award during the Innovations Forum held on March 10, 2006, in Leverkusen, Germany. “This product is the result of a relentless team effort, and I accept the honor on behalf of their diligence and dedication.”

Dr. Arther, who serves as manager of parasitology and entomology for Bayer HealthCare, Animal Health Division, in Shawnee, Kan., led a global research and development team during the creation process. The product, a topical medication, has the ability to equally protect cats and dogs from external pests such as fleas, ticks, mites, and internal parasites like heartworm.

“This award was created to commemorate Otto Bayer’s extraordinary talent for research and innovation, and now Bob Arther is a part of that prestigious tradition,” said Joerg Ohle, president and general manager, Bayer Animal Health. “His achievement is shared not only by his research team, but by the entire Bayer family and the Kansas City community.”

About Bayer Animal Health

Bayer HealthCare’s Animal Health Division is the maker of Advantage® flea control for dogs and cats and K9 Advantix™, a triple-protection flea, tick, and mosquito control product for dogs. K9 Advantix and Advantage are trademarks of Bayer. The division is a worldwide leader in parasite control and prescription

pharmaceuticals for dogs, cats, horses, and cattle. North American operations for the Animal Health Division are headquartered in Shawnee, Kan. Bayer Animal Health is a division of Bayer HealthCare LLC, one of the world's leading health care companies.

Forward-looking Statements

This news release contains forward-looking statements based on current assumptions and forecasts made by Bayer Group management. Various known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors could lead to material differences between the actual future results, financial situation, development, or performance of the company and the estimates given here. These factors include those discussed in our public reports filed with the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (including our Form 20-F). The company assumes no liability whatsoever to update these forward-looking statements or to conform them to future events or developments.

###