



**John Stchur, Asterand's CFO, receives the
Financial Director of the Year Outside the FTSE 350 Award**

Award presented at the Annual FDs' Excellence Awards

Asterand plc (LSE: ATD), a leading provider of human tissue and human tissue-based research services to pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies engaged in drug discovery research, today announced that John Stchur, Asterand's CFO, received the Financial Director of the Year Outside the FTSE 350 Award at the annual FDs' Excellence Awards held 12 May 2010 in London.

Held in association with the ICAEW and supported by the CBI and Real Business, the awards recognise the best-performing FDs from public and privately owned companies in the UK.

Asterand's CEO, Martyn Coombs, commented:

"The team at Asterand is delighted that John has been recognised in this way. John should take a lot of the credit for stewarding Asterand's financial resources over the last couple of years and creating a strong foundation within the business for the Company's long term future growth."

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Asterand plc is a leading supplier of high quality human tissue and tissue-based services. Our comprehensive approach to human tissue and research services offers pharmaceutical, biotech and diagnostic companies the unique opportunity to have one company meet all of their human biomaterial needs along the continuum of drug discovery and development. Our mission is to accelerate target discovery and compound validation and enable pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies to take safer and more effective drugs into the market. For more information, go to www.asterand.com.