



Les Anges financiers  
de Montréal

## **The 10th annual Anges financiers de Montréal Gala Innovative and promising young companies take home awards**

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**Montreal, March 30, 2006** – The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Anges financiers de Montréal gala, held last night, brought together approximately 200 businesspeople to discover the twenty young entrepreneurs who were chosen as finalists in this year's Anges financiers contest. The winners of the contest were officially announced and were awarded grants worth a total of \$25,000.

Held under the honorary presidency of Jean-René Halde, President and Chief Executive Officer at the Business Development Bank of Canada, this evening was an opportunity for these innovative young entrepreneurs to present their respective projects to experienced business leaders with an interest in investing time and money in these unique initiatives.

Presented by Canada Economic Development, this event was organised jointly by the *Fondation du maire de Montréal pour la jeunesse* and the *Jeune Chambre de commerce de Montréal*.

### **The winning companies were:**

#### **Growing business (winner of a \$10,000 grant offered by Canada Economic Development)**

##### **Ariane Controls - Jean-Pierre Fournier, President**

Ariane Controls, a Powerline Communication (PLC) Technology developer, offers a highly reliable solution for applications in energy efficiency by command and control (C&C). Thanks to its proprietary technology, Ariane is able to offer its clients very high reliability at an affordable cost, enabling efficient integration of the technology in day-to-day products.

#### **Start-up (winner of a \$10,000 grant offered by Samson Bélair/Deloitte & Touche)**

##### **Synetik Design - Caroline Saulnier, President**

Synetik Design is a young and dynamic company. Its mission is to manufacture specialized ergonomic products in the fields of occupational health and safety. The company specializes in the development of ergonomic equipment and tooling and offers consultation services in occupational health and safety.

#### **Jury's Choice (winner of a \$5000 grant offered by Sun Life Financial)**

##### **La fourmi bionique - Geneviève Gagnon, President**

La fourmi bionique is a food processing company that produces a family of granola-type cereals containing natural and bio ingredients. These delicious cereals distinguish themselves in part by their added natural herbs (herbal and nutraceutical products), like slippery elm, calendula and ginseng among others, and by their unique and refined taste.

**About the Jeune Chambre de commerce de Montréal (JCCM)**

The JCCM comprises a group of young professionals, entrepreneurs and self-employed workers aged between 18 and 40. Founded in 1931 and composed of more than 1,400 members with an average age of 31 years old, the JCCM acts as the principal voice for young businesspeople in Montreal. It offers an opportunity for the stimulating exchange of ideas in an unparalleled environment for those who are interested in playing an active part and investing in the decisions that affect our future. The JCCM is the largest young chamber of commerce in North America. For more information, visit [www.jccm.org](http://www.jccm.org).

**About the Fondation du maire de Montréal pour la jeunesse**

The Fondation du maire de Montréal pour la jeunesse (FMMJ) is a non-profit organization with a mission to help young, low-income Montrealers to start up a business, including in the artistic community. Its grant program acts as a spark to trigger financing. Its network provides access to support and mentoring services that contribute to the success of the businesses funded. The actions taken by the Fondation are based on a spirit of social consciousness, mutual aid and reciprocity. Since 1996, the fmmj has given over 3 057 725 dollars in grants for the implementation of 540 projects, creating close to 1110 jobs. [www.fmmj.ca](http://www.fmmj.ca)

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