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## **Claire Fraser-Liggett Receives GBC Bioscience Award**

Claire Fraser-Liggett, PhD, director of the [Institute for Genome Sciences](http://www.igs.umaryland.edu) at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, is one of four people to receive recognition at the Greater Baltimore Committee's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland Bioscience Awards ceremony at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel on Thursday, March 25.

The Fifth Annual Maryland Bioscience Award, sponsored by the Greater Baltimore Committee, recognizes outstanding achievement in Maryland's bioscience industry. The four award categories are Entrepreneurial, Best New Product or Progress, Leadership in Bioscience and the President's Award.

"The bioscience industry in Maryland is an integral part of our region's economy – we have the 'eds, meds and feds' here and the awards ceremony is an annual opportunity for all of us to recognize this industry's continued growth," said Donald Fry, Executive Director of the Greater Baltimore Committee, the sponsor of the awards.

Dr. Fraser-Liggett received the Leadership award in recognition of her achievements in launching the Institute for Genome Sciences in downtown Baltimore in 2007. Since then, IGS has generated more than \$80 million in federal grant dollars and catalyzes many biomedical research collaborations.

Other award winners include Best New Product or Progress: Wayne Swann, senior advisor, CrispTek; Entrepreneurial Spirit, Charlene Riikonen, president and CEO, Cera Products, Inc; President's Award, Dr. Martha Connolly, director, Maryland Industrial Partnerships.

Judges for this year's awards were: Dr. David J. Fink, director of entrepreneurial services, bwtech@UMBC; Dr. Libbie Mansell, president, White Oak BioPharma Solutions, LLC; Karen Olson, CEO, BioMarker Strategies; Howard Schwartz, Esq, partner, DLA Piper; and Dr. Paul Silber, principal, Silber Associates.

The GBC, the region's most prominent organization of business leaders, has made bioscience industry development a top strategic priority. This is the fifth annual bioscience awards event the GBC has conducted. This year's program was sponsored by DLA Piper.

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