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ST. CATHERINE HOSPITAL FROM CROATIA NAMED NATIONAL CHAMPION IN THE EUROPEAN BUSINESS AWARDS 2016/17

St. Catherine Hospital recognised in Europe's largest business competition

St. Catherine Hospital has been named a National Champion for Republic of Croatia in The European Business Awards, sponsored by RSM; Europe's largest business competition set up to celebrate business excellence and best practice in the European business community. The Awards, now in its 10th year, is supported by business leaders, academics and political representatives from across Europe, and this year engaged with over 33,000 businesses from 34 countries. They were evaluated on the core EBA values of innovation, ethics and success and will now go through to the second stage of the competition, which includes a video and a public vote.

St. Catherine Hospital has been chosen after the first phase of judging by an independent panel. An elite panel of judges preside over the judging process. Previous support has been provided by: Karel De Gucht (former EU Trade Commissioner), Yves Leterme (former Belgian Prime Minister), Jose Aznar (former Prime Minister of Spain), Arnold Rüütel (former President of Estonia), Emil Constantinescu (former President of Romania), Petar Stoyanov (former President of Bulgaria), (former CEO of Nestle), Gilbert Ghostine (Managing Director of Diageo Continental Europe).

St. Catherine Hospital is a European center of excellence and a member of the prestigious group "*The Leading Hospitals of The World*". St. Catherine Hospital is teaching hospital for four universities and it is the official hospital of the Croatian Football Federation and Croatian Olympic Committee. Many of the top-level athletes from different sports have been diagnosed or treated at the hospital, including: Garry Kasparov (former World Chess Champion), Marin Čilić (Winner of the US Open 2014), Gordan Giriček (NBA player: Memphis Grizzlies, Orlando Magic, Utah Jazz), Bojan Bogdanović (NBA player: Brooklyn Nets), Mario Mandžukić (football player: Juventus, Italy and Croatian National Soccer Team), Luka Modrić (football player: Real Madrid, Spain and Croatian National Soccer Team), Ivan Rakitić (football player: Barcelona, Spain and Croatian National Soccer Team), Ivica Kostelić (former World Cup alpine ski racer and two-time Olympic gold medalist), Janica Kostelić (former World Cup alpine ski racer and four-time Olympic gold medalist), Blanka Vlašić (a high jump indoor World Champion), Mirko Filipović (K-1 World Champion), etc.

Jadranka Primorac, St. Catherine's Hospital Board Member "We're very proud to be selected to represent Republic of Croatia as a National Champion. The European Business Awards is widely recognised as the showcase for Europe's most dynamic companies and we are proud to be recognised at this level."

Adrian Tripp, CEO of the European Business Awards said: "Congratulations to St. Catherine Hospital who have been selected to represent their country as National Champions. They are central to the success of Europe's strong business community, and have shown the core principles we look for of innovation, ethics and success."



The next round requires the National Champions to make a presentation video, telling their unique story and explaining their business success. The Awards' independent judges will award the best of this group the 'Ruban d'Honneur' status and the selected companies will then go on to the Gala Final in 2017.

Separately, in a two stage public vote, the videos will be hosted on the European Business Awards website, and the company who receives the most votes in their country will become the 'National Public Champion'. Last year over 227,000 votes were cast as companies were supported globally by their clients, staff and peers, as well as the general public.

Lead sponsor RSM, the sixth largest network of independent audit, tax and consulting firms worldwide has supported the European Business Awards since its inception. The Awards' core purpose is to support the development of a stronger and more successful business community throughout Europe. Additional sponsors and partners of the Awards include UK Trade and Investment, ELITE and PR Newswire.

In the 2015/16 competition, all EU member markets were represented. Their combined revenue exceeded €1.2 trillion employing over 2.5 million people.

For further information about the winners, the European Business Awards and RSM please contact Vedrana Jurjević, St. Catherine's PR Manager at vedrana.jurjevic@svkatarina.hr or go to www.businessawardseurope.com or www.rsmi.com and follow us on twitter at @rsmEBA