

# 2005 PDAC AWARD WINNERS

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## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

From time to time, the association presents awards for special achievement in exploration or mining. This year, two awards will be presented in this category.

The first goes to **Barry French** and **Bill Breukelman**. These two men are being recognized for their founding of Sciex, a company that has brought the technology of ICP-MS from its development in French’s university laboratory to commercialization. ICP-MS is a technique of elemental analysis that has revolutionized geochemical exploration and is the workhorse of today’s geoanalytical laboratories. Sciex is the University of Toronto’s most successful technology transfer story. Today, the company employs more than 500 skilled individuals and reports annual revenue of over \$200 million.<sup>1</sup>

Special achievement recognition is also being given to **Attilio G. Spat**. Spat has won this award for his lifetime commitment to prospecting and for his discovery of the Angostura gold-silver project in northeast Colombia. This deposit, owned by Greystar Resource, is being drilled and shows indicated resources of 2.1 million oz. gold with 7 million oz. silver and inferred resources of 4.1 million oz. gold with 13 million oz. silver.



**Barry French**



**Bill Breukelman**

<sup>1</sup> Actual annual revenues for this 500 employee company exceeds \$500 million.