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3 most innovative Israeli nanotech award winners announced

This year's MI2NT award-winning companies are CimaNanoTech Israel, Nutralease, and Sol-Gel Technologies.

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Start-ups [CimaNanoTech Israel Ltd.](#), [Nutralease Ltd.](#), and [Sol-Gel Technologies Ltd.](#) have been awarded this year's Most Innovative Israeli Nanotechnology (MI2NT) prize.

The U.S.-Israel Science and Technology Foundation (USISTF), Chicago Microtechnology & Nanotechnology Community (CMNC), ARCH Venture Partners, Ardesta LLC, O'lala Foods, and the Trendlines Group were the competition's sponsors.

The award winners will receive business development services from Trendlines, a VIP invitation to the [NanoBusiness Conference](#) in New York, and private meetings with leading nanotechnology VCs. The award ceremony recognizing the companies and their technologies will be held in Chicago, after the NanoBusiness Conference.

The program is underwritten by USISTF, which promotes collaborative opportunities in high technology for American and Israeli entities.

Originally, there were to have been only two winners but, according to O'lala Foods CEO Neil Wyant, "the USISTF and CMNC agreed to add a third award winner because of the high-quality of candidates in Israeli nanotech."

Cima NanoTech develops conductive ink jet printing systems and transparent conductive coatings (TCC). The company's nano-metal dispersions represent enabling technology for next-generation digital inkjet printing of microcircuits and transparent conductive coatings for electronics. Applications include plasma displays, EMI shielding, electroluminescence, and other conductive coatings. Cima NanoTech Israel is located in Caesarea. Dr. Fernando de la Vega is the company's CEO.

Nutralease focuses on microemulsion technology for liquid nano-encapsulation of nutraceuticals, cosmeceuticals, and essential oils and drugs for incorporation into food, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics. Applications include functional foods, flavor houses, and nutraceutical preparations. The company is located in Mishor Adumim. Dr. Eli Pinthus is the company's CEO.

Sol-Gel Technologies develops UV Pearls™, the world's first nano-encapsulated sunscreen. It is the only product that enables absorption of UV light without any contact of the UV filters with the skin. This product utilizes the company's unique nano-engineering technology that allows a range of active ingredients to be encapsulated in highly transparent silica glass matrices or nanospheres. Sol-Gel is located in Bet Shemesh. Dr. Alon Seri-Levy is the company's CEO.

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