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## Tech industry honours top members

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VANCOUVER -- The B.C. Technology Industry Association celebrated the leaders of its sector at the 2008 Technology Impact Awards Thursday night at Vancouver's Hyatt Regency:

- Absolute Software was named Company of the Year after the computer tracing and data recovery firm doubled its business and garnered the recognition of analysts for its strong performance.
- Dr. John A. MacDonald, co-founder of MacDonald Dettwiler & Associates and now chairman and CEO of Day4 Energy, was named Person of the Year for his contributions to the sector. Day4 Energy, a solar energy company raised more than \$100 million in financing in the past year, said the association in a news release.

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- David Sutcliffe, former CEO of Sierra Wireless, won the Bill Thompson award for leadership in business and the community.

Other winners:

- Most Promising Pre-commercial Technology to Lignol Energy Corp. of Burnaby for its biorefineries that produce fuel-grade ethanol from forest industry waste.
- Excellence in Product Innovation to Kodak Graphic Communications in Burnaby for producing colour filters for LCD televisions in a more cost effective and environmentally friendly way.

- Best Application of Technology to MacDonald, Dettwiler & Associates Corp. in Richmond for making satellite technology more affordable.
- Most Promising Start Up to RX Networks Inc. of Vancouver for improving the GPS capabilities of mobile devices.
- Emerging Company of the Year to Day4Energy Inc. of Burnaby for its developments in solar energy.
- Team of the Year to Vision Critical's community and qualitative team in Vancouver for building products for online groups and developing research service packages for the company.
- Leadership in Social Responsibility to Victoria's AbeBooks for its charitable activities, literacy initiative and environmental leadership.

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