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## **Vancouver Entrepreneur Wins Award of Excellence for Innovation**

**January 25, 2012, Abbotsford, B.C.** – The Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C. (IAF) announced today that Dr. Timothy Durance, founder, chair and co-CEO of the Vancouver-based EnWave Corporation, is the recipient of the 2012 Award of Excellence for Innovation in Agriculture and Agri-Food.

“The Award of Excellence for Innovation is about celebrating the innovative thinkers who help drive B.C.’s agriculture and agri-food industry forward, for the benefit of all British Columbians,” said IAF chair Stuart Wilson. “We are very pleased to honour Dr. Durance for his innovation and advancement of superior food dehydration technology.”

*NutraREV* technology represents the first commercial-scale food dehydration technology, which is not only more energy efficient and less expensive than alternative methods, but also retains more nutrients. This promises to make a significant impact on B.C.’s agri-food sector, allowing producers of raw commodities to also supply value-added dry products.

“It is very gratifying to be recognized in B.C., where I’ve spent the last decade of my career developing this technology,” says Dr. Durance. “B.C. is ideal for agricultural innovators, given the diversity of the agri-food industry. *NutraREV* has the potential to benefit all agri-food sectors by providing producers with an economical, high quality method to diversify their operations.”

The IAF Award of Excellence for Innovation in Agriculture and Agri-Food celebrates the innovative thinkers in the B.C. agriculture and agri-food industry that are responsible for generating economic, environmental or social benefits to British Columbia and the B.C. agriculture and agri-food industry. The award is open to individual producers, processors, agri-business owners/operators and other industry leaders. This year’s winner was announced on January 25 at the B.C. Agriculture Council’s Agri-Food Industry Gala in Abbotsford.

The Investment Agriculture Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that strategically invests funds on behalf of the federal and provincial governments in support of innovative projects that benefit the agriculture and agri-food industries in British Columbia.

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