

Child medicine expert is top woman

PLYMOUTH'S most successful and inspiring women were honoured at a gala dinner and awards ceremony last night.

The Network of Women's Women of Achievement Awards 2007 were held at the Holiday Inn.

Overall winner was associate research fellow Ann Rigby-Jones, who works at C3P Analysis at the Tamar Science Park.

She was rewarded for her work in children's intensive care medicine.

Her work in what is known as 'sparse sampling' – analysing small quantities of blood – demonstrated that small babies and children need almost double the amounts of some drugs that a larger child would need. It has provided a scientific basis for calculating drug dosages for individual children in intensive care.

Ann was the overall winner last night, in an award sponsored by Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, and also won the science and technology award, sponsored by the University of Plymouth.

The entrepreneur of the year award, sponsored by Business Link Devon and Cornwall was retailer

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Nicky Edmunds, who runs Inside Out in Tavistock.

The store sells a range of products, from gifts to homewares and accessories. It also has a successful online trading arm, and is planning to take a unit in the new Princesshay shopping centre in Exeter when it opens later this year.

Earlier this year, Nicky was named the Credit Suisse Entrepreneur of the Year 2007 – Wales and the Westcountry – at the National Business Awards in London.

The construction and engineering award, sponsored by Williams Southern, was won by Caroline Pengelly, operations manager for Anchor Marine Plastics in Liskeard.

Caroline runs a factory which produces fenders for the marine industry. She has worked at the company since leaving school, and now runs the whole site.

The best young female in business, sponsored by Plymouth City Council, was Sarah Lock of Urban Brew, at the Royal William Yard.

Sarah combines running the business, which is at the heart of the regeneration of the Royal William Yard, with the demands of being a single mother.

Andrea Greer, chairman of the Network of Women, said: "We have had some very worthy winners, and these awards have enabled the city's business community to reflect and reward those achievements."

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