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## Multiple Aspects of R&D Must Be Optimized to Foster Innovation

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**Abstract:** On October 27, 2004, Prof. Dr. Daniel Gygax received the annual award for R&D of the Canton BaselLand. This important prize was presented to Daniel Gygax by the minister for education of the canton BaselLand, Mr. Urs Wüthrich-Pelloli. In his address the executive politician highlighted the exemplary role that Daniel Gygax plays in facilitating technology transfer between academia and industry in biotechnology. This is therefore a good reason and a good opportunity to have a closer look both at what biotechnological competences Daniel Gygax has built up at the Chemistry Department of the University of Applied Sciences in Muttenz (FHBB) and at how R&D of Swiss Universities of Applied Sciences can help foster innovation today.

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