

Moderna Prix Galien International Acceptance Speech

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Purpose – This is a speech for Moderna’s Dan Staner, Vice President, Head of EMEA to accept the Prix Galien’s International Award for the Vaccines category for its renowned SPIKEVAX. It acknowledges fellow nominees, the Prix Galien foundation, the hard work of Moderna’s employees, as well as those who helped to distribute SPIKEVAX worldwide.

Good evening to all my esteemed colleagues in life sciences. Congratulations and a sincere thank you to the fellow nominees for this award at Merck, Pfizer, BioNTech, and GlaxoSmithKline for your hard work in bringing remarkable vaccines to life. And thank you to the Galien Foundation for your commitment to honoring those of us who seek to improve the human condition.

I am beyond thrilled to accept this award on behalf of all the brilliant, dedicated people I work with at Moderna. Thank you to our team of scientists and engineers for their unwavering effort to advance our messenger RNA platform in record time to develop SPIKEVAX, our COVID-19 vaccine. Over the past two years, everyone at Moderna has worked tirelessly to address a global pandemic and deliver a life-saving vaccine to people around the world with unprecedented speed.

Since our modest beginnings in 2010, we have seen the potential of a new class of mRNA medicines to make a significant difference in peoples’ lives. We were convinced of the impact that this biotechnology could make in the world, and we have continued to persevere through so many challenges. Our conviction has led to extraordinary medical advancements. By combining mRNA technology with lipid nanoparticles, we have demonstrated the potential of this technology for 14 infectious diseases in human clinical trials since 2015. And we remain committed to further innovation in mRNA technology to improve the lives of people the world over.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the hard work of all those on the front lines of healthcare, international supply chain, and in so many nations and communities that worked to deliver SPIKEVAX, Comirnaty, and all the other COVID-19 vaccines to the global village. Thank you for your courage and partnership in addressing this extraordinary health crisis together.

I will end with a quote from Galen, the father of medical research and namesake of the Galien Foundation. He said, “Employment is nature’s physician and is essential to human happiness.” We at Moderna are happy to be employed in the mission of advancing human health and we greatly appreciate this honor. Thank you.

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