



DADE BEHRING'S JOHN M. DUFFEY NAMED 2004 CHICAGO CFO OF THE YEAR

Third Annual Award Announced by National Investor Relations Institute and the Kellogg School of Management

Chicago, April 6, 2004 - The Chicago Chapter of the National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI) and the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University announced today that John M. Duffey, senior vice president and chief financial officer of Dade Behring Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: DADE), will be the recipient of the 2004 Chicago CFO of the Year Award. Duffey will receive this award at a luncheon on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 at The Fairmont Chicago (11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

The Chicago CFO of the Year Award recognizes those who advance the practice of investor relations as a strategic and critical component of the corporate mission, while adding value to his or her company.

"We developed the Chicago CFO of the Year Award to honor an individual who stood out in their development, support and execution of investor relations on behalf of their company," said Cindy Klimstra, president and board member of NIRI-Chicago. "John Duffey has clearly demonstrated exceptional leadership capabilities, guiding Dade Behring through a challenging environment, while producing consistent growth."

"I am honored to be selected by NIRI for this prestigious honor," Duffey said. "This past year presented us with many challenges in how we demonstrated Dade Behring's value to all of its stakeholders. By establishing initiatives to create financial discipline across the entire organization, we continued to deliver on our commitments and attained our objectives of adding shareholder value."

Duffey was appointed to the role of Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Dade Behring in September 2001, near the beginning of the company's successful turnaround strategy. Duffey is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a B.A. in Accounting from Michigan State University. Based in Deerfield, Ill., Dade Behring is the largest company solely dedicated to clinical diagnostics.

The national NIRI organization is a 4,500 member, 36 chapter professional association of corporate officers and IR consultants responsible for communicating among corporate management, the investing public and the financial community. Investor relations has evolved from an administrative tactic to a vital strategic responsibility that encompasses the disciplines of finance, communications and marketing in managing the flow of information to shareholders, analysts, media and other constituencies.

Entries for the prestigious Chicago CFO of the Year Award were evaluated by a panel of experts in the field of investor relations, financial communications and finance, including representatives from Abbott Laboratories, CDW Corporation, Hewitt Associates, Pactiv Corporation, and the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

About NIRI-Chicago

The members of NIRI-Chicago include corporate officers, consultants, service providers, academics, and others involved in the practice of investor relations - a strategic management responsibility that integrates finance, communication, marketing and securities law compliance. With 214 members, NIRI-Chicago is one of the largest NIRI chapters in the United States. For more information about our organization, please visit our website at www.niri-chicago.org.

About the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University

The Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University was founded in 1908 and is widely recognized as a global leader in graduate business education. The school is home to a renowned, research-based faculty and MBA students from more than 60 countries and six continents. Kellogg offers full-time, part-time and executive MBA programs as well as numerous non-degree Executive Education Programs. The Kellogg School also offers three joint degree programs: the JD/MBA; MD/MBA; and MEM/MBA. Additionally, the Kellogg School has alliances with business schools in Europe, Asia and Canada. Kellogg revolutionized graduate management education more than 50 years ago when it introduced executive education into its programming, one of the first business schools to do so. In the 1970s, Kellogg again changed the face of graduate management education when it introduced the teamwork concept into its curriculum. Both the Kellogg executive education and teamwork models have been duplicated by business schools worldwide.

In 2002, BusinessWeek magazine ranked the Kellogg School the No. 1 graduate school of business in the United States, an honor it has achieved four times since the biennial survey began in 1995. In the fall of 2003, for the second consecutive year, Kellogg was named the top MBA program in the world by The Economist Intelligence Unit, a division of The Economist Group. For more information, please visit: www.kellogg.northwestern.edu.