



## **eGenesis Co-Founder Luhan Yang Named Young Global Leader by World Economic Forum**

*Luhan Yang Joins Next Generation Scientists and Breakthrough Technology Entrepreneurs in Young Global Leader Class of 2017*

**Cambridge, Mass. – March 15, 2017** – Co-founder and chief scientific officer, Luhan Yang, Ph.D., has been honored as a Young Global Leader with the class of 2017.

This honor is granted by the World Economic Forum each year to recognize the most distinguished leaders under the age of 40 from around the world. The Forum of Young Global Leaders aims to build a global community of peers who learn from their diverse talents, experiences and networks to achieve solutions for global and local challenges.

“It is an honor to be selected among such compassionate and talented individuals,” said Yang. “I look forward to joining my peers in the Young Global Leaders community to learn from our collective experiences and continue to lead global change.”

As co-founder and chief scientific officer at eGenesis, Yang has been honored for her professional accomplishments and commitment to solving the tremendous unmet need for transplant organs.

“The class of 2017 have been invited to join an established community of Young Global Leaders, made up of entrepreneurs, artists, business leaders, tech pioneers, thinkers and policy-makers from every region of the world who are driven to overcome barriers and are committed to changing the world.” The World Economic Forum said.

Past inductees include Tarun Khanna, Harvard Business School’s Jorge Paulo Lemann Professor; journalist Anderson Cooper, actor Leonardo DiCaprio, Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergei Brin, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, as well as acclaimed filmmakers and visual artists Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck and Ólafur Elíasson.

Driven by the growing number of patients in need of a lifesaving organ transplant, Yang co-founded eGenesis, a biotechnology company focused on transforming xenotransplantation into an everyday, lifesaving medical procedure. Yang was born in China and received her bachelor’s degree in both Life Sciences and Psychology from Peking University in Beijing, China. In 2013, she received her Ph.D. in Human Biology and Translational Medicine from Harvard University. Her research has been published in numerous journals such as *Science*, *Nature Medicine*, and *Nature Biotechnology*.

In 2014, Luhan was also honored with the Forbes 30 under 30 in Science and Healthcare Award, the Richard J. Herrnstein Prize and Young Entrepreneur Initiative Laureate.

**About eGenesis**

eGenesis is a life sciences company focused on leveraging CRISPR technology to deliver safe and effective human transplantable cells, tissues and organs to the hundreds of thousands of patients worldwide who are in dire need. For more information, please visit [www.egenesisbio.com](http://www.egenesisbio.com).

**About the Forum of Young Global Leaders**

Established by Professor Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum, in 2004, the Forum of Young Global Leaders is a unique, multistakeholder community of more than 900 exceptional young leaders. Bold, brave, action-oriented and entrepreneurial, these individuals commit both their time and talent to make the world a better place. Every year, the Forum honours about 200 outstanding young leaders from around the world for their professional accomplishments, commitment to society and potential to contribute to shaping the future of the world.

**About the World Economic Forum**

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