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CLEVELAND Biosensors lab manager Jane Fitzpatrick is off to the Bio Japan Conference next month after taking out the 2008 Women In Technology QCTN Biotechnology Rising Star Award.

Ms Fitzpatrick manages the research and development lab at Cleveland Biosensors testing

the company's Biofiniti Point-Of-Care diagnostics system.

The system is looking at developing portable instruments using disposable microfluidic cartridges for rapid, quantitative and high-sensitivity measurements.

She is one of two winners and four finalists from businesses

based at the i.lab, the State Government's technology and biotechnology incubators, to be recognised in the WiT awards.

Other winners from i.lab were Charm Health CEO Janine Garrett, who took out the 2008 Women in Technology Outstanding Achievement Award for her work developing

the Pharmacy Oncology Information Management Solution and Jenny Legge from Mackay-based JobFit Systems and Lavinia Proctor from Replikun.

i.lab incubator chief executive Anne-Marie Birkill said the awards were a chance to recognise and encourage women in the biotechnology sector.