

BioConsultingNetwork and BioCat GmbH Enter into Partnership

Heidelberg, Hürth, Germany May 25, 2005 – Today, BioCat GmbH and BioConsultingNetwork announced their new partnership. Within the partnership BioConsultingNetwork supports BioCat's activities to integrate novel, innovative biotech products into their portfolio of research solutions. BioConsultingNetwork will catalyze the formation of new collaborations and alliances between BioCat and potential partners interested in commercializing biotech products via BioCat's comprehensive distribution platform. In addition, BioConsultingNetwork will provide general services relating to scouting, technology transfer and licensing.

"BioCat's aim is to provide innovative solutions meeting its customers needs best. Molecular biology is a very dynamic field and scientists within academic and industrial research are always looking for the most powerful tools to be ahead in competition. BioCat wants to enhance its activities to actively screen the field for the latest innovations. The partnership with BioConsultingNetwork provides us with the chance to search more effectively for new potential products without losing vigor to push our current business. We have fruitful relationships with the founder of BioConsultingNetwork, Dr. Bernd Otterbach, since years and we are really looking forward to profit from BioConsultingNetwork's creativity and expertise in biomedical science and business development", says Dr. Michael Ehret, Managing Director of BioCat.

"BioCat is more than a customer to us. BioConsultingNetwork aims to support biotech companies to transfer their ideas into commercial products. Having a strong and competent commercialization partner within our network is advantageous for us as it is beneficial for our customers", says Dr. Bernd Otterbach, founder of BioConsultingNetwork.

About BioCat GmbH:

The goal of BioCat GmbH (<http://www.biocat.de>) is to catalyze innovation in biosciences. Biocat cooperates with selected partners to provide application-oriented solutions to the life science research market in the area of genomics and proteomics. BioCat's customers are research laboratories in academic institutions as well as in the pharmaceutical and biotech industry.

About BioConsultingNetwork

BioConsultingNetwork (www.bioconsultingnetwork.com) provides professional and customized consulting solutions to the pharma-, biotechnology- and medical technology industry as well as to academic institutions and publishing media. BioConsultingNetwork integrates broad expertise in the areas of business development/ marketing, biomedical science, IP management/ licensing, legal requirements and human resources. Due to its network philosophy BioConsultingNetworks established a flexible and cost-efficient organization allowing BioConsultingNetwork to provide professional business solutions on competitive terms.