



## European Association of Pharma Biotechnology (EAPB)

*The EAPB is the only European society solely devoted to Pharmaceutical Biotechnology. EAPB with presently more than 750 members represents companies, scientific institutions and scientists with activities in this promising area of Biotechnology. Especially the co-operations with the EFB and the European regulatory organisations MEGRA and PEFRAS will contribute to achieving the aims of EAPB.*

### **EAPB AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS: MEGRA**

MEGRA is the Mid-European Group of Regulatory Affairs Professionals, one of the largest regulatory societies in Europe. Main focus is Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Last year the President of MEGRA Dr. Wenzel and Rainer Müller and Sven Stegemann from EAPB met in Munich. In the "Munich Agreement" an exclusive co-operation be-

tween EAPB and MEGRA was agreed, it will focus on regulatory affairs of biopharmaceuticals. The framework of the agreement discussed has been phrased in more detail and has just passed the Board of MEGRA, that means the co-operation has now been officially finalised. Preparations for the first joint regulatory symposium are under way.

### **EAPB IN LYON**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> World Congress on Emulsions (Congrès Mondial de l'Emulsions) took place in Lyon/France from 24 to 27 September 2002. The special interesting feature of this congress is that scientists working in the area of emulsions are gathering from very different disciplines, e. g. road/asphalt companies, food and cosmetic industry, but also from pharmacy. The multidisciplinary character of this meeting allows efficient "cross fertilisation". The meeting is mainly organised and sponsored by

the company Colas. Rainer Müller, President of EAPB, was member of the Organisation Committee and in charge to further extend pharmaceutical participation. Besides many organisations from other fields, the meeting was also sponsored by EAPB. EAPB will also contribute to the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, main emphasis will be to further extend pharmaceutical contributions in general, especially in the area of emulsions for biotech processes (e. g. gene transfer with emulsions etc.).

### **EAPB & POLISH INDUSTRY**

The Polish Section of EAPB (affiliated to Polish Pharmaceutical Society) in cooperation with the Section of Pharmaceutical and Medical Technology of the Polish Pharmaceutical Society and the Polish Association of Pharmaceutical and Medical Industry POLFARMED organised a conference Polish Producers of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Materials before Poland's entry into European Union. The conference was organised under auspices of the Polish Minister of Health and Social Care and of EAPB in Zakopane (chief town of the Polish Tartra mountains) in September 25-27, 2002.

The Program of the Conference was divided into three parts.:

I. Selected advances in pharmaceutical and medical sciences (information on drugs and medical materials using internet, radiopharmacy, auxiliary substances for oral drugs).

II. Advances in pharmaceutical biotechnology (new proposals at the beginning of the XXI. century, theory and practice of biotechnology implementation into Polish (bio)pharmaceutical industry, Polish recombinant insulin).

III. Polish pharmaceutical industry and requirements of the European Union (legislation, Polish patent law, registration of pharmaceuticals and medical materials, supervision of pharmaceutical industry).

**EAPB & EASTERN EUROPE**

Bio-Tech Consulting a Polish biotechnology and life-sciences consulting company (<http://www.biotechnologia.pl>) corporate member of EAPB, actively engaged in the development and promotion of biotechnology in Poland and Eastern Europe countries has signed a collaboration agreement with an Ukrainian group PANTELEIMON – authors and owners of the largest private database of medical-biological, chemical-pharmaceutical and chemical publications edited in scientific journals and other publications in Ukrainian and Russian language. Based on this agreement Bio-Tech Consulting has exclusive rights for its commercialization. "Former Soviet Union block past and current scientific projects and undertakings,

despite significant time pass, still remain unexplored by Western biobusiness world", commented Tadeusz Pietrucha, Ph.D., President and CEO of Bio-Tech Consulting. Bio-Tech Consulting aims beyond simple offer of enabling the access to such information and its elaboration in English. "We provide you services encompassing the elaboration of requested subjects acquired from the search of Russian and Ukrainian language papers, dissertations patents and information on certain clinical trials, search for scientific papers on requested topic(s) and its translation into English", Dr Pietrucha said. To obtain more information please visit:

<http://www.biotechnologia.pl/biotech/ang/bioserw.htm>

**EAPB - BIO-FORUM III**

Polish biotechnology business-science conference: Polish biotechnology has come to life and is preparing to leap in XXI biotech century. Among different activities and biotech events the forum of representatives of Polish biotech science and industry is taking up stronger position each year. The mission of Bio-Forum is to:

1. create a platform for discussion and information exchange for Polish biotech science and business community
2. present the current Polish biotech research & development achievements
3. promote Polish start-ups and implement modern (bio)technology to Polish bioindustry.

Bio-Forum III (<http://www.bioforum.pl>) has been held in Lodz, Poland on May 20 – 21, 2002. This year the meeting gathered about 150 participants, both from bioscience and bioindustry. The guests from East (Ukraine) and West (Germany, France) were present as a continua-

tion of the tradition started on Bio-Forum II. The important goal of the conference is to create a platform of cooperation between Eastern and Western bioworld. Bio-Forum III meeting, as all previous, was organized by Bio-Tech Consulting company (<http://www.biotechnologia.pl>).

The conference has been held under the auspices of Polish Ministry of Economy and European Association of Pharma Biotechnology and was co-organized by the Polish Section of EAPB attached to the Polish Pharmaceutical Society and Association of Innovation and Licenses.

A new experience on B-FIII was the contest for the best pharma biotechnology and medical biotechnology R&D project. The sponsor of the awards were the biggest Polish pharmaceutical company, POLPARMA S.A. This competition will continue in future editions of Bio-Forum events, which will benefit further cooperation between bioscience and biobusiness community. We are looking forward to Bio-Forum IV in 2003.

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