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BIO San Diego 2014: success for Lyonbiopole The bio entrepreneurs' hub from the Rhône-Alpes region!

Lyon, July 11th, 2014 – Lyonbiopole, the French health Competitiveness Cluster of the Rhône-Alpes region, together with 17 of its member companies, participated from 23rd to 26th of June to the "BIO International Convention," the most important international trade fair in the field of Life Sciences:

Alizé Pharma, BIOASTER, Calixar, CapEval, CEA Leti, Cellipse, Cytoo, ERYtech Pharma, genOway, Imaxio, ImmunID, Indicia Production, OncoTherapy Science France, LXRepair, Prediction BioSciences, Synthelis, TransCure bioServices.

Thanks to this largest regional delegation of the French pavilion, the regional authorities, the Rhône-Alpes Region, Greater Lyon and Grenoble Alpes Metropole reaffirm once again the leading position on the international scene of the Rhône-Alpes' healthcare sector.



8th « Fast-Track R&D Partnering with France »: a huge success

As an opening of BIO, on Monday, June 23rd was held the 8th edition of "Fast-Track R&D Partnering with France". This collaborative action organized by the 7 French health Competitiveness Clusters in partnership with UbiFrance and thanks to the support of the DGCIS aims to promote the skills and expertise of French biotech SMBs. Over 300 participants attended the event.

International pharmaceutical companies - **AbbVie, Althea^{dx}, Genentech, Celgene, and Sanofi** were able to present their strategies and needs alongside 7 French SMBs - **ImmunID, Affilogic, Ciloa, Anagenesis, Antabio, Q4CP, OCR** -that had the opportunity to showcase their innovative products and services in healthcare. For this 8th edition, the Rhône-Alpes region has been represented by Immun'ID, a Lyonbiopole's member company specialized in molecular diagnostics.



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"Participating in the Fast-Track was a real opportunity for us to make know the company and especially our objectives of partnerships, collaborations and funding not only to the international biotech community but also to pharmaceutical and financial players. We hope that the first contacts engaged, lead in the medium term, on strong collaborations" said **Bernhard Sixt, ImmunID Charmain and CEO.**

Patrick Tricoli, Sanofi global R&D, Strategy, External innovation and science policy ended the 8th Fast-Track remembering that, since the first edition in 2007, France has been able to strengthen its position on the world map, thanks to a well-organized and efficient network of actors and an increase of investment in healthcare innovation.

BIO San Diego: a unique international event aiming at fostering strategic partnerships and collaborations for the Rhône-Alpes'SMBs

All Rhône-Alpes SMBs attending BIO are unanimous: BIO is the international event not to be missed to identify, meet and exchange with prospective strategic partners.

For its first participation at BIO, **Fabrice Paublant Cellipse CEO**, developing a drug candidate on a first indication of myeloid leukemia explains, *"We came to BIO to find future partners as start-ups in more advanced development levels and "flush the investor." With its incredible network, BIO has opened us new horizons: we had 30 appointments in 3 days, it's very exciting for the future. "*

"This is our first participation in the BIO convention, we linked there different types of contacts: investors, French and international development corporations, pharmaceutical companies, consulting companies to enter the U.S. market. For 3 days, we were immersed in the U.S. and international biotechnology world, we were able to understand the environment and discuss a lot of our business. We have extremely encouraging returns on our test diagnosis to direct the cancerous therapy in chemotherapy and in radiotherapy" concludes **Sylvie Sauvaigo, President of LXRepair.**

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The Massachusetts visiting Lyonbiopole booth

Another high point of BIO was the visit the Governor of Massachusetts, Patrick Deval that came to the French Pavillion to discuss with the Lyonbiopole's team, Greater Lyon and Aderly. The Governor came together with a delegation of key innovation players of the Massachusetts State such as representative of MassBio and the Mass Life Science Centre.

Recognized as one of the most important healthcare cluster worldwide, the Massachusetts and especially the Boston area represents a strategic destination for many companies. This is the reason why, for many years, Lyonbiopole has invested in building collaborations with this global biotech cluster. Following a first collaboration agreement signed with MassBio in 2013 under the bioXclusters project, Lyonbiopole is planning to strengthen partnerships with the Boston area before the end of 2014.



After the success of this new edition, Lyonbiopole already starts to prepare the edition of 2015 in Philadelphia from June 15th to 18th.

About Lyonbiopole

As a biocluster, Lyonbiopole is the one-stop shop for healthcare innovation in Rhône-Alpes, France. It aims to support the emergence and development of innovative technologies, products and services 4 main strategic areas: human medicine, veterinary medicine, in vitro diagnostics, medical devices and medical technologies. Focused on infectious diseases since its creation in 2005, Lyonbiopole is now supporting ambitious projects and companies in other fields like cancer, nutrition, metabolic diseases and neurosciences. In 2013, Lyonbiopole was representing a community of 139 members: 4 world-class leaders as Lyonbiopole's founders (Sanofi Pasteur, bioMérieux, Merial, BD) – 19 Research Centers including 3 Hospital University Centers and almost 116 SMBs.

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